

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Karen Jewitt (Chair)
Councillor Stephen Mann (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Nina Degrads, Paul Scott, Chris Clark, Joy Prince,
Stuart Millson, Tim Pollard, Jan Buttinger and Steve Hollands

Reserve Members: Pat Clouder, Bernadette Khan, Sean Fitzsimons,
Clive Fraser, Andrew Pelling, Jason Cummings, Badsha Quadir, Ian Parker
and Simon Hoar

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 8 July 2021** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX.**

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AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2021 as an accurate record.

[To Follow]

3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Head of Internal Audit Report (Pages 5 - 42)

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit in 2020/21 and the overall level of assurance for the Council's internal control environment to support the Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

6. The Redmond Review of Local Audit (Pages 43 - 60)

This report details the conclusions and recommendations of the Redmond review and the responses from MHCLG on behalf of the Government.

7. Brick by Brick Report

An update on the Fairfield Halls investigation.

[To Follow]

8. Audit Findings Report

An update on the Audit Findings for 2019/20.

[To Follow]

9. Exclusion of Public and Press

The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

“That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

PART B