

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, Steve Hollands, Simon Hoar and Luke Clancy

Reserve Members: Pat Clouder, Bernadette Khan, Sean Fitzsimons,
Clive Fraser, Andrew Pelling, Kola Agboola, Jason Cummings,
Badsha Quadir, Ian Parker and Jeet Bains

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 16 September 2021** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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Wednesday, 8 September 2021

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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 (Pages 5 - 12)

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

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. Update Report on the Recruitment of the Independent Chair of GPAC (Pages 13 - 20)

This report updates the Committee on the process taken to recruit an appropriately skilled Independent Chair for the Committee, following the decision by Full Council in May that a recruitment process should be commenced.

6. Croydon Finance Review - Phase 1, 2 and 3 Reports - Update on Implementation

Report to follow.

7. Report in the Public Interest Action Plan - Progress Update (Pages 21 - 106)

The report provides the Quarter 2 update of progress made responding to the Council's Report in the Public Interest.

8. Production of Formal Minutes for Council and Committee Meetings

Report to follow.

9. Internal Audit Update Report (Pages 107 - 142)

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit so far during 2021/22 and the progress made in implementing recommendations from audits completed in previous years.

10. Anti-Fraud Update Report (Pages 143 - 148)

This report details the performance of the Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) and includes details of the team's performance together with an update on developments during the period 1 April 2021 – 31 July 2021.

11. Work Programme (Pages 149 - 154)

To consider and approve the Committee work programme for the municipal year 2021/22.

12. 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