

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Dr Olu Olasode (Chair)
Councillor Karen Jewitt (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Chris Clark, Nina Degrad, Clive Fraser, Lynne Hale,
Ola Kolade, Stuart Millson, Ian Parker, Joy Prince and Paul Scott

Reserve Members: Margaret Bird, Pat Clouder, Sean Fitzsimons,
Bernadette Khan, Andrew Pelling, Kola Agboola, Jason Cummings,
Badsha Quadir and Jeet Bains

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 3 March 2022 at 6.30 pm** in

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Democratic Services and Governance
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Wednesday, 23 February 2022

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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 Previous Meetings (Pages 7 - 16)

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 February, and the Minutes of the meeting held on 10 June 2021 as an accurate record.

3. Action Tracker for Minutes (Pages 17 - 18)

To note the progress against actions agreed by Committee at previous meetings.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Council Budget 2022/23 - 2024/25

Members of the Committee are asked to consider the following reports which are listed to follow:

- General Fund and HRA Budget 2022/23
- Treasury Management Strategy Report

The Committee's consideration of these reports will be focused on:

1. Risk Identification
2. Risk Mitigation
3. Reserve Strategy
4. MTFS Direction of Travel

7. Fairfield Halls Report in the Public Interest Action Plan (Pages 19 - 98)

Following the extraordinary meeting of Council held on 3 February 2022, this report provides an opportunity for Members of the General Purposes and Audit Committee to review the action plan developed in response to the recommendations made in the recent Report on the Public Interest. Any comments or feedback made by the Committee on the action plan will be reported to the Cabinet at its meeting on 21 March 2022.

8. Changes to the Constitution (Pages 99 - 432)

This report asks the Committee to recommend to the Council changes to the Constitution which are necessary for the implementation of the mayoral model of governance. The report also includes other constitutional changes to improve the Council's governance, which have been recommended by the Constitution Working Group. Whilst additional changes have been recommended, a complete review and update of all parts of the Constitution has not been conducted.

9. Members' Scheme of Allowances

(To Follow)

10. Anti-Fraud Update Report (Pages 433 - 438)

This report details the Anti-fraud activity of the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team for the period 1 April 2021 – 31 December 2021 and the corresponding period 1 April 2020 – 31 December 2020.

11. Corporate Risk Register (Pages 439 - 472)

This report notes the contents of the Corporate Risk Register as at March 2022

12. Work Programme (Pages 473 - 478)

The Work Programme is scheduled for consideration at every ordinary meeting of the General Purpose and Audit Committee.

13. 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