Audit & Governance Committee Agenda

To: Dr Olu Olasode (Idependent Chair) Councillor Matt Griffiths (Vice-Chair) Councillors Claire Bonham, Simon Brew, Endri Llabuti, Enid Mollyneaux, Nikhil Sherine Thampi and Sean Fitzsimons

> Reserve Members: Kola Agboola, Alisa Flemming, Simon Fox, Mark Johnson, Stella Nabukeera and Helen Redfern

A meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee which you are hereby invited to attend, will be held Thursday, 19 October 2023 at 6.30 pm. Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katherine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX.

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AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

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

2. Disclosure of Interests

Members are invited to declare any disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) they may have in relation to any item(s) of business on today's agenda.

3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 21 September 2023 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

Draft minutes to follow.

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. Audit & Governance Committee Action Log (Pages 5 8)
- 6. Audit & Governance Committee Work Programme 2023-24 (Pages 9 10)

7. Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 and Action Plan (Pages 11 - 114)

The Council must conduct a review, at least annually, of the effectiveness of its systems of internal control and prepare an Annual Governance Statement reporting on the review with the Statement of Accounts. This report sets out the Council's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2022/23 for the period ending March 2023 and the Statement includes the Council's significant challenges and risk, the governance arrangement and internal controls in place, and improvements required which are set out in the AGS 2023/24 Action Plan.

The Committee is asked to consider and approve: a) the draft Annual Government Statement 2022/23 and Action Plan; b) the Local Code of Corporate Governance; and c) the Governance Framework.

8. Corporate Risk Register (Pages 115 - 160)

The report updates the Audit & Governance Committee Members on the corporate risk register (the register) as at October 2023.

The Committee is asked to: Note the contents of the corporate risk register as at October 2023.

9. Update on Oracle Improvements Programme (Pages 161 - 186)

The Audit and Governance Committee are referred to the Cabinet report at **Appendix A**.

A presentation will be given to update the committee on the progress with the Oracle Improvement Programme, slides attached at **Appendix B.**

For the reasons set out in the report Audit & Governance Committee are recommended to:

Receive the presentation and update.

10. Anti-Fraud Report (Pages 187 - 196)

This report and appendix details the performance of the Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) together with an update on developments 1 April 2023 – 30 September 2023.

The Committee is asked to: Note the Anti-fraud activity of the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team for the period 1 April 2023 – 30 September 2023.