

Audit & Governance Committee Agenda



To: Dr Olu Olasode (Independent 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, 1 February 2024 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 Follow)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 30 November 2023 as an accurate record of the proceedings.

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 and Governance Committee Action Log (Pages 5 - 8)

To note the Audit & Governance Committee Action Log.

6. Committee Work Programme and Assurance Mapping Document (Pages 9 - 20)

To note the Audit & Governance Committee Work Programme for the remainder of the municipal year alongside the Committee Assurance Mapping Document.

7. Annual Governance Statement (Update on Action Plan 2022/23) (Pages 21 - 38)

For the year 2022/23, the Council through its Annual Governance Statement, conducted a review of the effectiveness of its systems of internal control and developed an Action Plan to address the improvements required. This report provides an update on the progress with the Action Plan with a particular focus on financial management, information management, procurement and contract management and the recommendations in the Report in the Public Interest on the refurbishment of Fairfield Hall.

The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the Annual Government Statement (AGS) 2022/23 Action Plan Update which is attached as Appendix 1.

8. Risk Register Entry 'Deep Dive' (Pages 39 - 42)

The presentation updates the Audit & Governance Committee Members on progress against a selected entry from the corporate risk register (the register).

The Committee is asked to:

Note the contents of the risk presentation attached in Appendix 1

9. Dedicated Schools Grant (DSG) Deficit Management Plan (To Follow)

10. Quarterly Whistleblowing Update (Pages 43 - 64)

The Council's Whistleblowing Policy provides for six monthly reports to the Committee on whistleblowing referral received. This report provides an update on disclosures for the period January 2023 to December 2024.

The Committee is asked to note the whistleblowing disclosures and the outcomes.