

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, 14 March 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 (Pages 7 - 14)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 February 2024 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 & Governance Committee Action Log (Pages 15 - 18)

6. Audit & Governance Committee Work Programme & Assurance Mapping Document (Pages 19 - 30)

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

7. Financial Statements 2019/20 - External Audit Findings Report (To Follow)

8. Financial Statements 2020/21 - External Audit Plan (To Follow)

9. Auditors Annual Report - 2022/23 (To Follow)

10. Gas Safety Contract Risk Deep Dive Update (Pages 31 - 32)

To receive an update on the Gas Safety Compliance as requested by the Committee.

11. Anti Fraud & Corruption Strategy (Pages 33 - 46)

As part of the Audit & Governance Committee's role of overseeing the anti-fraud and corruption strategy Members are asked to review and approve the contents of Croydon's refreshed Anti-Fraud & Corruption Strategy.

For the reasons set out in the report and its appendices the Audit & Governance Committee are recommended:

To approve Croydon's refreshed Anti-Fraud & Corruption Strategy.

12. Core Business Systems Assurance Review Update (Pages 47 - 60)

This Committee previously requested assurance that the council had measures in place to ensure effective utilisation of its core IT business applications. This report outlines the work undertaken to date and governance in place to monitor progress in this area. It proposes a work plan for 2024/25 for further improvements.

For the reasons set out in the report, Audit and Governance Committee, is recommended to:

1. Note the scope, measurement approach, and work undertaken to date.
2. Consider whether the measures described and proposed work plan for 24/25 provide acceptable level of confidence to address the Committee's request for assurance.
3. To agree that updates shall be presented at least annually to committee to allow for ongoing monitoring.

13. I.T Control Audit Report (To Follow)

14. Internal Audit Annual Plan, Strategy and Charter (Pages 61 - 78)

This report is for the Audit and Governance Committee to review and approve the Internal Audit Charter and the plan of audit work for 2024/25 in line with the requirements of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

The Audit and Governance Committee is asked to approve the Internal Audit Charter (Appendix 1), Strategy (Appendix 2) and the plan of audit work for 2024/25 (Appendix 3).

15. People & Cultural Transformation Update (Pages 79 - 126)

This report provides an update on the development and progress of the People and Cultural Transformation Strategy 2022-2026 and supporting Action Plan, as requested by the Committee in September 2023.

For the reasons set out in the report [and its appendices] the Audit Committee is recommended:

1. to receive an update on the People and Culture Transformation Strategy 2022-2026 development and action plan; and,
2. to note the achievements to date, work in progress, planned actions, and the contents of the report and Action Plan