

# Audit & Governance Committee Agenda



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

Reserve Members: Alisa Flemming, Mark Johnson, Jessica Hammersley-  
Rich, Stella Nabukeera, Helen Redfern and Esther Sutton

A meeting of the **Audit & Governance Committee** which you are hereby invited to attend, will be held **Thursday, 28 November 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**

Disclosure of Interests Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act 2011, they are required to consider in advance of each meeting whether they have a disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI), some other registrable interest (ORI) or a non-registrable interest (NRI) in relation to any matter on the agenda. If advice is needed, Members should contact the Monitoring Officer in good time before the meeting. If any Member or co-opted Member of the Council identifies a DPI or ORI which they have not already registered on the Council's register of interests or which requires updating, they must urgently complete the disclosure form which can be obtained from Democratic Services at any time, copies of which will be available at the meeting for return to the Monitoring Officer.

Members and co-opted Members are required in general to disclose any relevant DPIs, ORIs or NRIs at the meeting –

- Where the matter relates to a DPI they may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter and must not stay in the room unless granted a dispensation.
- Where the matter directly relates to the financial interest or wellbeing of an ORI they may not vote on the matter unless granted a dispensation.
- Where a Member or co-opted Member has an NRI which directly relates to or affects their or a relevant person's financial interest or wellbeing, whether they can participate in any discussion or vote on the matter or stay in the room depends on the detailed rules in paragraphs 7 of Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct.

The Chair will invite Members to make their disclosure of interests orally at the meeting and they will also be recorded in the minutes.

### **3. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 7 - 16)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 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. Committee Action Log (Pages 17 - 20)**

To receive the updated Committee Action Log.

**6. Committee Work Programme 2024/25 & Committee Assurance Mapping Document (Pages 21 - 36)**

This report sets out for the information of the Audit and Governance Committee the most recent version of the 2024/25 work programme for the Committee.

This follows on from a report considered by the Committee at its meeting on 18 July 2024, which agreed the work programme for the year ahead.

**7. AGS Action Plan Update (Pages 37 - 50)**

In the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement (AGS), the Council developed an Action Plan to address the gaps in governance identified in the previous year. This report provides an update on the progress made with the Action Plan.

**8. Internal Audit Update Report (Pages 51 - 92)**

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit so far during 2024/25 and the progress made by the Council in resolving findings identified from audits.

**9. Approval of 2020-21 Statement of Accounts (To Follow)**

To follow.

**10. Approval of 2021-22 Statement of Accounts (To Follow)**

To follow.

**11. Value for Money Findings Report for 2023/24 (To Follow)**

**12. External Audit Fees (To Follow)**

To follow.

**13. Mid-Year Treasury Management Report (Pages 93 - 114)**

This Report reviews the Council's treasury management activities for the first six months of financial year 2024/25.

