

# General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Karen Jewitt (Chair)  
Councillor Joy Prince (Vice-Chair)  
Councillors Jeet Bains, Jan Buttinger, Sherwan Chowdhury,  
Jason Cummings, Patsy Cummings, Mike Fisher, Patricia Hay-Justice,  
Bernadette Khan and Muffaddal Kapasi

Reserve Members: Carole Bonner, Pat Clouder, Maddie Henson,  
Steve Hollands, Humayun Kabir, Dudley Mead, Andrew Rendle,  
Donald Speakman, James Thompson and John Wentworth

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 7 December 2017** at **6.30 pm** in **F10, Town Hall, Katherine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.  
If you require any assistance, please contact the person detailed above, on the righthand side.

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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 the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 12)**

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 September 2017 as an accurate record.

**3. 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.

**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. SEN Transport Update**

To receive a presentation.

**6. Appointments**

The report is to follow.

**7. Local Government Ombudsman Report (Pages 13 - 20)**

The report outlines the Council's response to the findings of the Local Government Ombudsman.

**8. Council Meeting Dates 2018/19**

The report is to follow.

**9. Grant Thornton Annual Audit Letter (Pages 21 - 34)**

To receive the Annual Audit Letter for 2016/2017 from the external auditors.

**10. Treasury Mid-Year Review (Pages 35 - 56)**

The Council's Treasury Management activities mid-year review to take account of activities during the first half of 2017/2018 and the Council's compliance with the 2011 Prudential Code for Capital Finance.

**11. Internal Audit Update Report April to October 2017 (Pages 57 - 84)**

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit so far during 2017/18 and the progress made in implementing recommendations from audits completed in previous years.

**12. Anti-Fraud Update Report April to September 2017 (Pages 85 - 92)**

This report details the performance of the Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) and includes details of the team's performance together with an update on developments during the period 1 April 2017 – 30 September 2017.

**13. Corporate Risk Register (Pages 93 - 104)**

The report updates the General Purposes & Audit Committee Members on the corporate risk register (the register) as at 07 December 2017.

**14. 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.”