

Tuesday, 18 March 2025

AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of **Audit Committee** will be held on

Wednesday, 26 March 2025

commencing at **2.00 pm**

The meeting will be held in the Banking Hall, Castle Circus entrance on the left corner of the Town Hall, Castle Circus, Torquay, TQ1 3DR

Members of the Committee

Councillor Penny (Chairman)

Councillor Brook (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Long

Councillor Fellows

Councillor Maddison

Councillor Hutchings

Independent Person: Mr Kristian Hawkes

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AUDIT COMMITTEE AGENDA (REVISED)

1. **Apologies**
To receive any apologies for absence, including notifications of any changes to the membership of the Committee.
2. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)
To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 25 February 2025.
3. **Declarations of interests**
 - (a) To receive declarations of non pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda
For reference: Having declared their non pecuniary interest members may remain in the meeting and speak and, vote on the matter in question. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.
 - (b) To receive declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda
For reference: Where a Member has a disclosable pecuniary interest he/she must leave the meeting during consideration of the item. However, the Member may remain in the meeting to make representations, answer questions or give evidence if the public have a right to do so, but having done so the Member must then immediately leave the meeting, may not vote and must not improperly seek to influence the outcome of the matter. A completed disclosure of interests form should be returned to the Clerk before the conclusion of the meeting.

(**Please Note:** If Members and Officers wish to seek advice on any potential interests they may have, they should contact Governance Support or Legal Services prior to the meeting.)
4. **Urgent Items**
To consider any other items that the Chairman decides are urgent.
5. **Internal Audit Charter and Strategy** (Pages 11 - 30)
To note the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Strategy as required by the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.
6. **Internal Audit Plan 2025-26** (Pages 31 - 44)
To consider a report that sets out the Audit Plan for 2025-26.
7. **Torbay Council Audit Progress Report and Sector Update** (To Follow)
To consider a report on the above.
8. **Counter Fraud Plan 2025-26** (Pages 45 - 50)
To consider a report that provides details of current and future Counter Fraud plans supporting delivery of the Counter Fraud and

Corruption Policy.

9. **Torbay Council Management Action Plan in response to the Auditor's Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2024** (To Follow)
To consider a report on the above.
10. **Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2024/25 Revisions** (To Follow)
To consider a report on the above.
11. **Audit Committee Self Assessment (CIPFA Guidance) 2024-25: Agree Committee Responses** (To Follow)
To consider a report on the above.
12. **Audit Committee Draft Annual Report** (To Follow)
To provide feedback on the draft Annual Report of the Audit Committee.
13. **Consultation Response: Local audit reform - a strategy for overhauling the local audit system in England** (To Follow)
To note the consultation response on the Local Audit Reform: a strategy for overhauling the audit system in England.
14. **Audit Committee Work Plan** (Pages 51 - 52)
To note the Audit Committee Work Plan.