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Meeting date: 25 November 2024

Briefing date: 20 November 2024

Agenda Item	Responsible Author(s)	Audit Committee Terms of Reference	Brief description	Relevant onward Committee and date (if applicable)
Internal Audit: Progress Report on the Audit Plan	Steve Crabtree – Chief Internal Auditor	3.6, 3.7, 3.10, 3.11, 3.12, 3.13, 3.29, 3.30	The purpose of this report provides an overall opinion on the soundness of the control environment in place to minimise risk to the council. It is based on the findings of the completed internal audits from the Annual Audit Plan 2024 / 2025 as at 30 September 2024.	
External Audit: Reports	Jill Evans – Service Director, Corporate Finance and Deputy S151 Officer	3.17	The purpose of this report is for the external auditor to inform as to whether the accounts show a true and fair view of the council's financial position. To highlight anything they wish to bring to the Council's attention.	
Annual Report of Complaints 2023/2024	Belinda Evans, Complaint Manager	4.3	The purpose of this report is to present an overview of complaints received and responded to during 2023/2024.	

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Annual Report: Council Companies	Neil McArthur – Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	3.27, 3.34, 4.6	The purpose of this report is to set out details of the various companies which PCC partners with and how they are managed.	
Risk Management: Strategic Risks / Deep Dive	Gerry Roche – Risk Manager	3.28, 4.2	To provide an overview of strategic risks impacting on PCC services as well as the opportunity for more detailed analysis of departmental mitigation plans.	
Governance Reviews – Policies etc	To be confirmed			

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Treasury Management	Patricia Phillipson	6.6	The Treasury Management Strategy 2 nd quarter review provides an economic update for the first half of the 2024/25 financial year and a review of the Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy. This review includes reviewing the council's capital expenditure and the prudential indicators, including compliance, the investment portfolio, and borrowing strategy.	

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Meeting date: 20 January 2025

Briefing date: 15 January 2025

Agenda Item	Responsible Author(s)	Audit Committee Terms of Reference	Brief description	Relevant onward Committee and date (if applicable)
Internal Audit: Developing the Audit Plan	Steve Crabtree – Chief Internal Auditor	3.5	The purpose of this report is to provide Members with details of Internal Audit’s annual planning approach and emerging issues and risks that Internal Audit need to provide assurance over. It provides an opportunity for Members to consider these themes and provide input into the development of the Audit Plan.	
External Audit: Annual Letter	Cecilie Booth – Executive Director for Corporate Services and S151 Officer	3.17, 5.3	The purpose of this report is to involve the Audit Committee in determining the audit approach and to identify any additional issues it considers relevant to the audit.	
Counter Fraud	Steve Crabtree – Chief Internal Auditor	3.33, 4.3	The purpose of this report is to present the work carried out during the past year to minimise the risk of fraud, bribery and corruption occurring in the Council.	

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Annual Governance Statement: Progress	<p>Neil McArthur – Director of Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p>Cecilie Booth – Executive Director of Corporate Services and S151 Officer</p> <p>Emma Riding – Service Director, Financial Management and Deputy S151 Officer</p> <p>Jill Evans – Service Director, Corporate Finance and Deputy S151 Officer</p> <p>Steve Crabtree – Chief Internal Auditor</p> <p>Ben Stevenson – Head of Information Governance / Data Protection Officer</p> <p>Gerry Roche – Risk Manager</p>	3.14, 4.4, 4.5, 4.6	To provide Members with an update on the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.	
Procurement: Deep Dive	Richard McCarthy – Head of Commercial and Procurement	4.6	To provide Audit Committee with details of expenditure in various categories and how value for money is achieved.	

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Policy Update: Whistleblowing	Christina Thompson – Service Lead, People and Business Relations	3.26	To provide the Audit Committee with an update on the Council’s whistleblowing policy.	
Closedown Report for 2024/2025	Cecilie Booth – Executive Director for Corporate Services and S151 Officer	5.1	To provide the Audit Committee with an update on the plan to close the Council’s accounts for 2024/2025	
Audit Committee Start Time 2025/2026	Neil McArthur – Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer Matt Makin – Senior Democratic Services Officer		The purpose of this report is to allow the Audit Committee to discuss and agree the start time for meetings from the beginning of the Municipal Year 2025-26. The draft schedule of meetings will be agreed at Full Council on 22 January 2025.	
Governance Reviews – Policies etc	To be confirmed			

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Meeting date: 24 March 2025

Briefing date: 19 March 2025

Agenda Item	Responsible Author(s)	Audit Committee Terms of Reference	Brief description	Relevant onward Committee and date (if applicable)
Internal Audit 2025/2026: Internal Audit Plans and Audit Charter	Steve Crabtree – Chief Internal Auditor	3.2, 3.5, 3.6, 3.12	The purpose of this report is to ensure that the Council reviews and agrees the audit activity for the next audit year.	
Annual Audit Committee Report 2024/2025	Cecilie Booth – Executive Director for Corporate Services and S151 Officer Steve Crabtree – Chief Internal Auditor Matt Makin – Senior Democratic Services Officer	3.35	To review the draft Annual Audit Committee report for 2024/2025 and recommend it to Full Council.	Full Council July 2025 (date tbc)
Risk Management: Strategic Risks / Deep Dive	Gerry Roche – Risk Manager	3.28, 4.2	To provide an overview of strategic risks impacting on PCC services as well as the opportunity for more detailed analysis of departmental mitigation plans	
Audit Committee Effectiveness	Neil McArthur – Director for Legal and Governance and Monitoring Officer	3.31	To provide Members with an update on progress in developing the audit plan.	

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