

# Audit Committee



Thursday, 28 January 2021 at 5.30 p.m.

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## Agenda

**Chair: Councillor Val Whitehead**

### Members

Vice-Chair: Councillor David Edgar

Councillor Marc Francis, Councillor Ayas Miah, Councillor Puru Miah, Councillor Kyrsten Perry, Councillor Dan Tomlinson and Councillor Andrew Wood

### **Observers (Independent Persons):**

Charlotte Webster (Independent Person)

### **Substitutes:**

Councillor Kevin Brady, Councillor Bex White, Councillor Abdal Ullah and Councillor Peter Golds

[The quorum for the Audit Committee is 3 Members]

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### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

#### 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members are reminded to consider the categories of interest, identified in the Code of Conduct for Members to determine: whether they have an interest in any agenda item and any action they should take. For further details, see the attached note from the Monitoring Officer.

Members are also reminded to declare the nature of the interest at the earliest opportunity and the agenda item it relates to. Please note that ultimately it is the Members' responsibility to identify any interests and also update their register of interest form as required by the Code.

If in doubt as to the nature of an interest, you are advised to seek advice prior the meeting by contacting the Monitoring Officer or Democratic Services.

#### 2. UNRESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S)

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To confirm the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020.

#### 3. DELOITTE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

#### 4. TOWER HAMLETS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

##### 4 .1 Audit of the Council's Accounts 2018/19 & 2019/20 - progress update

To follow.

##### 4 .2 Presentation on the final accounts improvement plan

A verbal update on the account's improvement plan, by Marion Kelly, Finance Improvement Team.

**4 .3 Annual Governance Statement for 2019/20** To Follow

To follow.

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**5. AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN** 151 - 154

**6. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

In view of the contents of the remaining items on the agenda the Committee is recommended to adopt the following motion:

“That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985, the press and public be excluded from the remainder of the meeting for the consideration of the Section Two business on the grounds that it contains information defined as Exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972.”

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**7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

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