

Audit Committee

Agenda

Thursday, 23 November 2023 at 6.30 p.m.
Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall,
160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Members:

Chair: Councillor Harun Miah

Vice Chair: Councillor Ahmodur Khan

Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Councillor Saied Ahmed, Councillor Abdul Wahid, Councillor Maisha Begum, Councillor Rachel Blake, Councillor Mufeedah Bustin and Councillor Asma Islam

Independent Member:

Charlotte Webster

Substitutes: Councillor Shafi Ahmed, Councillor Suluk Ahmed, Councillor Abu Chowdhury, Councillor Mohammad Chowdhury, Councillor Ayas Miah and Councillor Abdal Ullah

[The quorum for the Audit Committee is 3 voting Members]

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A Guide to Audit Committee

The Audit Committee is responsible for considering the Council's arrangements for internal control, governance and financial management and recommending any actions accordingly.

This includes:

- Audit Plans.
- Reports from external audit (such as the Annual Audit Letter and Governance Report).
- The Annual Governance Statement.
- Anti-fraud and corruption initiatives.
- Authority's Risk Management Arrangements.
- The administration of the Council's financial affairs.
- Approving the Authority's Statement of Accounts.

Public Engagement

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (PAGES 7 - 8)

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. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (PAGES 9 - 18)

To confirm the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 20th July and 19th October 2023.

2.1 Consideration of 2018/19 and 2019/20 Management Representations

To follow.

2.2 Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 and 2019/20

To follow.

3. DELOITTE ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Deloitte 2018/19 and 2019/20 update



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To follow.

4. TOWER HAMLETS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 4 .1 Timetable for the accounts for 2020/21-2022/23 (Pages 19 - 22)**
- 4 .2 Control Observations for 2019-20 and progress in addressing these (Pages 23 - 30)**
- 4 .3 Annual Whistleblowing Report and Policy Review (Pages 31 - 42)**
- 4 .4 Annual Review of the Anti-Money Laundering Policy and Guidance (Pages 43 - 86)**
- 4 .5 Internal Audit and Anti-Fraud - Progress Report (Pages 87 - 112)**
- 4 .6 Risk Management – Corporate and Directorate Risk Registers (Pages 113 - 148)**
- 4 .7 Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2022-23 (To Follow)**
- 4 .8 Review of CIPFA Guidance on the management of Audit Committees (Pages 149 - 242)**

5. AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

Next Meeting of the Audit Committee

Monday, 22 January 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

