

Audit Committee

Agenda

Thursday, 23 May 2024 at 7.00 p.m.
Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall,
160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

Members:

To be confirmed at the Annual Council Meeting 15 May 2024.

[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

Meetings of the committee are open to the public to attend, and a timetable for meeting dates and deadlines can be found on the council's website.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIR

2. 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.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING(S) (PAGES 9 - 16)

To confirm the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 23rd April 2024.

4. Audit Committee Terms of Reference, Membership, Quorum and Dates of Meetings 2024- 2025

5. EY ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6. TOWER HAMLETS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

6.1 Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 (To Follow)

7. AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN



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8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

9. 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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9.1 Adult Social Care Procurement (To follow)

Next Meeting of the Audit Committee

Thursday, 18 July 2024 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

