

Audit Committee

Agenda

Thursday, 10 October 2024 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 Amin Rahman

Councillor Kabir Ahmed, Councillor Abdul Malik, Councillor Asma Begum, Councillor Mufeedah Bustin and Councillor Marc Francis

Independent Member:

Charlotte Webster

Substitutes: Councillor Bodrul Choudhury, Councillor Jahed Choudhury, Councillor Shahaveer Shubo Hussain, Councillor Asma Islam and Councillor Ahmodur Khan

[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. 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 - 16)

To confirm the unrestricted minutes of the Audit Committee held on 8th July 2024.

3. AUDITORS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

3.1 Planning report to the Audit Committee on the 2020/21, 2021/22, 2022/23 audits (Pages 17 - 48)

3.2 London Borough of Tower Hamlets Audit planning report Year ended 31 March 2024 (Pages 49 - 116)

4. TOWER HAMLETS ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

4.1 Internal Audit and Anti-Fraud - Progress Update Report (Pages 117 - 150)

4.2 Risk Management - Corporate and Directorate Risk Registers (Pages 151 - 200)



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4.3 Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2023-24

To follow.

5. AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

7. EXCLUSION OF PRESS & 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."

EXEMPT SECTION (Pink Papers)

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7.1 RESTRICTED MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 207 - 230)

To confirm the restricted minutes of the Audit Committee held on 8th July 2024.

7.2 ADULT SOCIAL CARE PROCUREMENT: VERBAL UPDATE

Next Meeting of the Audit Committee

Thursday, 9 January 2025 at 6.30 p.m. to be held in Committee Room - Tower Hamlets Town Hall, 160 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1BJ

