

Blackpool Council

7 June 2023

To: Councillors Cartmell, Fenlon, Humphreys, Marshall, Roberts, Thomas and Warne

Mr David Swift, Independent Co-Opted Member

The above members are requested to attend the:

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 15 June 2023 at 6.00 pm
in Committee Room A, Town Hall, Blackpool

A G E N D A

1 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:

(1) the type of interest concerned either a

- (a) personal interest
- (b) prejudicial interest
- (c) disclosable pecuniary interest (DPI)

and

(2) the nature of the interest concerned

If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Head of Democratic Governance in advance of the meeting.

2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on 2 March 2023 as a true and correct record.

3 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER DEEP DIVE - TECHNOLOGY (Pages 7 - 16)

To consider a progress report on individual risks identified in the Council's Strategic Risk Register.

4 RISK SERVICES QUARTER FOUR REPORT (Pages 17 - 44)

To provide the Audit Committee with a summary of the work completed by Risk Services in quarter four of the 2022/23 financial year.

5 ANNUAL AUDIT OPINION 2022/2023 (Pages 45 - 58)

This report sets out the individual and collective outcomes of the audit reviews undertaken in the year ended 31st March 2023. It also provides an audit opinion on the control environment based on this audit work.

6 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/2023 (Pages 59 - 98)

The purpose of this report is to provide Audit Committee with the opportunity to review and approve the Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23.

7 EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

To receive a verbal update on progress to sign-off the annual statement of accounts from the External Auditor, Deloitte.

8 INTERNAL AUDIT QUALITY ASSURANCE AND IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMME 2023/24
(Pages 99 - 112)

A requirement of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards is that a Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme is implemented for the internal audit team and approved by senior management and the Audit Committee.

9 AUDIT ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAMME 2023/24 (Pages 113 - 116)

To set out the modular training programme for the Audit Committee during the 2023/24 Municipal Year.

10 AUDIT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER (Pages 117 - 118)

To consider the Committee's updated Action Tracker.

11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting of the Committee as 27 July 2023, commencing at 6.00pm.

Venue information:

First floor meeting room (lift available), accessible toilets (ground floor), no-smoking building.

Other information:

For queries regarding this agenda please contact John Greenbank, Democratic Governance Senior Adviser, Tel: 01253 477229, e-mail john.greenbank@blackpool.gov.uk

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