

Blackpool Council

21 February 2024

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, 29 February 2024 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 18 JANUARY 2024 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on 18 January 2024 as a true and correct record.

3 INTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW UP - DRIVING AT WORK (Pages 7 - 18)

To consider a progress report on the recommendations made in the internal audit

report Driving at Work issued on the 31 January 2023.

4 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022-23 HALF-YEAR REVIEW (Pages 19 - 36)

To provide an update on progress made on the actions identified in the Annual Governance Statement 2022-2023.

5 2021/2022 AND 2022/2023 EXTERNAL AUDIT/ACCOUNTS UPDATE

To receive a verbal update on the progress of the 2021/2022 and 2022/2023 accounts.

6 AUDIT AND RISK SERVICES QUARTER THREE REPORT (Pages 37 - 68)

To provide a summary of the work completed by Risk Services in quarter three of the 2023/24 financial year.

7 INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 2024/25 (Pages 69 - 82)

To consider the updated Internal Audit Charter for approval.

8 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25 (Pages 83 - 100)

To consider the Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 for approval.

9 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER 2024/25 (Pages 101 - 130)

To present the Council's revised Strategic Risk Register.

10 FRAUD AND ERROR PREVENTION CHARTER 2024/25 (Pages 131 - 148)

To consider the Fraud and Error Prevention Charter 2024/25 for approval.

11 ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY AND PROCEDURE (2024) (Pages 149 - 172)

To consider the Anti-Money Laundering Policy and Procedure for approval.

12 AUDIT ACADEMY TRAINING PROGRAMME 2024/25 (Pages 173 - 176)

To set out the modular training programme for the Audit Committee during the 2024/25 Municipal Year.

13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting of the Committee is to be confirmed.

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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