

# Blackpool Council

22 February 2023

To: Councillors Burdess, Critchley, Galley, Roberts and Wright

Mr David Swift, Independent Co-opted Members

The above members are requested to attend the:

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 2 March 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 19 JANUARY 2023** (Pages 1 - 8)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on 19 January 2023 as a true and correct record.

**3 INTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW UP - COMMUNICATIONS** (Pages 9 - 20)

To consider a progress report on the recommendations made in the internal audit report of Communications issued on the 24 February 2022.

**4 RISK SERVICES QUARTER THREE REPORT** (Pages 21 - 52)

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

**5 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER 2023/24** (Pages 53 - 82)

To present the Council's revised Strategic Risk Register to the Audit Committee. The Strategic Risk Register was last approved by the Audit Committee in March 2022.

**6 INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 2023/24** (Pages 83 - 96)

To consider the updated Internal Audit Charter 2023/24 for approval.

**7 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24** (Pages 97 - 114)

To consider the Internal Audit Plan 2023/24 for approval.

**8 FRAUD AND ERROR PREVENTION CHARTER 2023/24** (Pages 115 - 138)

To consider the Fraud and Error Prevention Charter 2023/24 for approval.

**9 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21**

To receive a verbal update from the external auditor on progress to sign-off the Annual Statement of Accounts 2020/21.

**10 AUDIT COMMITTEE ACTION TRACKER** (Pages 139 - 140)

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 15 June 2023, commencing at 6.00pm, subject to confirmation at Annual Council.

**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](mailto:john.greenbank@blackpool.gov.uk)

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