

Blackpool Council

11 October 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, 19 October 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 14 SEPTEMBER 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)

To agree the minutes of the last meeting of the Audit Committee held on 14 September 2023 as a true and correct record.

3 INTERNAL AUDIT FOLLOW-UP - ENERGY MANAGEMENT (Pages 7 - 16)

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

report relating to Energy Management issued on the 4 October 2022.

4 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER DEEP DIVE - PROJECT/PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT (Pages 17 - 28)

To consider a progress report on individual risks identified in the Council's Strategic Risk Register in relation to Project/Programme Management.

5 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2021/2022 (Pages 29 - 62)

To consider the External Audit Plan 2021-2022.

6 COVERT SURVEILLANCE POLICY (Pages 63 - 110)

To consider updates to the Council's Covert Surveillance Policy (formally known as the RIPA Policy) for approval.

7 CIPFA POSITION STATEMENT ON AUDIT COMMITTEE (Pages 111 - 120)

To consider the CIPFA Position Statement, which sets out the purpose, model, core functions and membership of the Audit Committee.

8 AUDIT ACTION TRACKER (Pages 121 - 122)

To note that the Committee's Action Tracker.

9 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date and time of the next meeting of the Committee as Thursday 23 November 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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