

AUDIT COMMITTEE Agenda

Date Thursday 8th September 2022

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Council Chamber, Civic Centre, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

Notes 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If any Member requires any advice on any item involving a possible declaration of interest which could affect his/her ability to speak and/or vote he/she is advised to contact Paul Entwistle or Peter Thompson in advance of the meeting.

2. CONTACT OFFICER for this Agenda is Peter Thompson, telephone - 0161 770 5151 or email - peter.thompson@oldham.gov.uk

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS – Any member of the public wishing to ask a question at the above meeting can do so only if a written copy of the question is submitted to the Contact officer by 12 Noon on Monday, 5th September 2022.

4. FILMING - The Council, members of the public and the press may record / film / photograph or broadcast this meeting when the public and the press are not lawfully excluded. Any member of the public who attends a meeting and objects to being filmed should advise the Constitutional Services Officer who will instruct that they are not included in the filming.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE IS AS FOLLOWS:

Councillors Ahmad, Alyas, C. Gloster, Islam, Salamat, Arnott, Ball, Hulme and Iqbal

Item No

1 Apologies For Absence

2 Urgent Business

Urgent business, if any, introduced by the Chair

3 Declarations of Interest

To Receive Declarations of Interest in any Contract or matter to be discussed at the meeting.

4 Public Question Time

To receive Questions from the Public, in accordance with the Council's Constitution.

5 Minutes (Pages 1 - 6)

The Minutes of the Audit Committee held 21st July 2022 are attached for approval.

6 External Audit Progress Report (Pages 7 - 18)

7 2021/22 Annual Statement of Accounts (Pages 19 - 24)

8 Update on Financial Administration (Pages 25 - 36)

9 Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report 2022/23 (Pages 37 - 46)

10 Proposed Audit Committee Work Programme for 2022/23 (Pages 47 - 54)

11 Exclusion of the Press and Public

That, in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following three items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, and it would not, on balance, be in the public interest to disclose the reports.

12 Update on the Annual Governance Statement for 2021/22 and New Issues (Pages 55 - 68)

13 Update on the Corporate Risk Register for 2022/23 (Pages 69 - 78)

14 Potential Risks to the Council linked into Northern Roots (Oldham) Limited (Pages 79 - 86)