

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

### **Agenda**

Date Monday 15 January 2024

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Crompton Suite, Civic Centre, Oldham, West Street, Oldham, OL1 1NL

Notes 1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST- If a Member requires 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 constitutional services at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2. CONTACT OFFICER for this agenda is Tel. 0161 770 5151 or email constitutional.services@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 Wednesday, 10 January 2024.

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#### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Akhtar, Al-Hamdani, Arnott, S. Bashforth, Birch, Davis, Ghafoor, Salamat and Sykes

- 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 of Previous Meeting (Pages 1 - 14)  
The Minutes of the Audit Committee Meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023 are attached for approval.
- 6 Internal Control Matters; Adult Social Care (Pages 15 - 28)  
Joint Report of the Head of Internal Audit and Director of Adult Social Care (DASS) on the 2022/23 Fundamental Financial Systems Audit Outcomes and Action Plan in respect of Direct Payments and Community Home Care.
- 7 Internal Control Matters; Payroll (Pages 29 - 42)  
Joint Report of the Head of Internal Audit and Assistant Director of HR & Organisational Development on the 2022/23 Fundamental Financial Systems Audit Outcomes and Action Plan in respect of the Council's Payroll Service.
- 8 External Audit Progress Report (Pages 43 - 62)  
This report provides the Audit Committee's 15 January 2024 meeting with an update on the status of the 2021/22 and 2022/23 Audit.
- 9 Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2023/24 (Pages 63 - 88)  
Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024/25 Including the Borrowing Strategy, Annual Investment Strategy and Prudential Indicators
- 10 Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report (Pages 89 - 100)  
2023/24 Q3 Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report
- 11 Proposed Audit Committee Work Programme for the remainder of 2023/24 (Pages 101 - 110)  
Proposed Audit Committee Work Programme for 2023/24
- 12 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 items of business on the grounds that they contain exempt information under paragraph 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.

13      Review of Council Owned Companies and Partnerships (Pages 111 - 122)

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14      Update on the Corporate Risk Register

Report to follow