

## ***AUDIT COMMITTEE***

### ***Agenda***

Date Thursday 27 June 2024

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Council Chambers, 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.
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#### **MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Councillors Al-Hamdani, Arnott, Aslam, Chowhan, Davis, Hince, S. Hussain, Rustidge and Wilkinson

Independent Member- Grenville Page (Chair)

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 of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)  
The Minutes of the meeting held on 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 are attached for approval.
- 6 External Auditor Update  
Verbal update from Mazars
- 7 Local Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 11 - 22)  
A report to propose a refreshed Local Code of Corporate Governance for Oldham Council.
- 8 Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report Q4 2023/24 (Pages 23 - 34)  
A summary of the work carried out by the team from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024.
- 9 2023/24 Annual Audit and Opinion Report to Audit Committee (Pages 35 - 66)  
The Annual Report and Opinion for 2023/24 on the System of Internal Control for the year ended 31 March 2024 presented by the Head of Audit and Counter Fraud.
- 10 Treasury Management Review (Pages 67 - 84)  
Treasury Management Outturn Report 2023/24
- 11 Draft 2023/24 Annual Statement of Accounts (Pages 85 - 86)  
Draft 2023/24 Annual Statement of Accounts.
- 12 Self-Assessment of the work undertaken by the Audit Committee during 2023/24, and Annual Report to Council (Pages 87 - 110)

Self-Assessment of the work undertaken by the Audit Committee during 2023/24, and Annual Report to Council.

13 Proposed Audit Committee Work Programme for 2024 (Pages 111 - 116)

14 Exclusion of the Press and Public

To consider that the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, pursuant to Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that discussions may involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, under paragraph 3 as defined in the provisions of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act, to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

15 Update on the Corporate Risk Register (Pages 117 - 126)

An update on the Corporate Risk Register as at the end of March 2024.