

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Agenda

Date Thursday 30 January 2025

Time 6.00 pm

Venue Lees 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 Alex Bougatef or Constitutional Services at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

2. CONTACT OFFICER for this agenda is Constitutional Services 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 Monday, 27 January 2025.

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MEMBERSHIP OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

Independent Chair- Grenville Page

- 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 - 14)
The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th November 2024 are attached for approval.
- 6 External Audit Progress Report (Pages 15 - 30)
An update produced by the External Auditor of issues to be brought to the attention of this Committee.
- 7 Internal Control Matters: Payroll (Pages 31 - 42)
This is the report to Committee on Internal Control Matters within the Payroll Service – a follow up to the report presented to the Committee in January 2024.
- 8 Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2025/26 (Pages 43 - 68)
This report sets out the proposed Treasury Management Strategy for 2025/26 to support the Corporate Objectives of the Council.
- 9 Internal Audit Progress Report Q3 2024/25 (Pages 69 - 78)
This is the routine report on the progress made against the agreed audit and counter fraud plan.
- 10 Updated Audit Committee Work Programme for 2024/25 (Pages 79 - 86)
A report detailing the proposed work programme for 2024/25.
- 11 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.

12 Senior Information Risk Owner update (Pages 87 - 94)

This updates the Audit Committee on the key matters relating to data protection and information security breaches to 30 December 2024.