

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting: AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date and Time: FRIDAY, 28 JANUARY 2022, AT 9.30 AM*

Place: COUNCIL CHAMBER - APPLETREE COURT, BEAULIEU ROAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7PA

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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Members of the public may watch this meeting live on the [Council's website](#).

*Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme:

- (a) immediately before the meeting starts, on items within the Audit Committee's terms of reference which are not on the public agenda; and/or
- (b) on individual items on the public agenda, when the Chairman calls that item. Speeches may not exceed three minutes.

Anyone wishing to speak should contact the name and number shown above no later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 25 January 2022.

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AGENDA

Apologies

- 1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE**
To elect a Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.
- 2. MINUTES**
To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 29 October 2021 as a correct record.
- 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To note any declarations of interest made by members in connection with an

agenda item. The nature of the interest must also be specified.

Members are asked to discuss any possible interests with Democratic Services prior to the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To note any issues raised during the public participation period.

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT RESULTS REPORTS 2021 (Pages 3 - 52)

To consider the External Audit Results Report 2021.

6. HOUSING BENEFIT AUDIT REPORT 2021 (VERBAL REPORT)

To receive a verbal update on the Housing Benefit Audit.

7. FINAL ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021 (Pages 53 - 62)

To consider the Final Annual Governance Statement for 2021.

8. FINAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2021 (Pages 63 - 182)

To consider the Final Annual Financial Report for 2021.

9. MEASURES TO IMPROVE LOCAL AUDIT DELAYS (Pages 183 - 194)

To receive an update on measures to minimise local audit delays

10. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) (Pages 195 - 238)

To note a summary of the Council's use of its powers under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA).

11. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER UPDATE (Pages 239 - 244)

To receive an update on the Strategic Risk Register.

12. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2021/22 (Pages 245 - 260)

To receive the Internal Audit Progress report for 2021/22.

13. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022/23 (Pages 261 - 284)

To consider the Treasury Management Strategy for 2022/23.

14. INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2022/23 (Pages 285 - 292)

To consider the Investment Strategy for 2022/23.

15. AUDITOR APPOINTMENT 2023/24 - 2027/28 (Pages 293 - 298)

To consider proposals for appointing the external auditor to the Council for the accounts for the five-year period from 2023/24

16. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 299 - 300)

To note the Committee's Work Programme.

To:

Councillors

Alan O'Sullivan (Chairman)
Emma Lane (Vice-
Chairman)
Alan Alvey
Hilary Brand

Councillors

Jack Davies
Martyn Levitt
Ann Sevier
John Ward