

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Date and Time:	FRIDAY, 25 OCTOBER 2024, AT 9.30 AM
Place:	COUNCIL CHAMBER - APPLETREE COURT, BEAULIEU ROAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7PA
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Members of the public may speak in accordance with the Council's [public participation scheme](#):

- (a) 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 attend the meeting, or speak in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme, should contact the name and number shown above no later than 12.00 noon on Tuesday, 22 October 2024.

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Chief Executive

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. APPOINTMENT OF VICE - CHAIRMAN

To appoint a Vice Chairman of the Committee for the remainder of the municipal year.

2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 26 July 2024 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 receive any public participation in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme.

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT BACKSTOP UPDATE (Pages 5 - 10)

To receive an update on the External Audit Backstop arrangements.

6. FINAL ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 11 - 146)

To consider the Final Annual Financial Report for 2022/23.

7. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2024/25 (Pages 147 - 162)

To receive the Internal Audit Progress Report for 2024/25.

8. TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE 2024/25 (Pages 163 - 176)

To receive an update on Treasury Management activity for 2024/25.

9. AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN (Pages 177 - 180)

To consider the Audit Committee's Work Plan.

10. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

To agree the following dates for meetings in 2025/26 (Fridays at 10 am (proposed change from 9.30am)):

2025

30 May

25 July

31 October

2026

23 January

27 March

11. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To:

Councillors

Alan Alvey (Chairman)
Kate Crisell
Jack Davies
Jacqui England
Alan O'Sullivan

Councillors

Caroline Rackham
Janet Richards
John Sleep
Richard Young