

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Date and Time:	FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2026, AT 10.00 AM
Place:	COUNCIL CHAMBER - APPLETREE COURT, BEAULIEU ROAD, LYNDHURST, SO43 7PA
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- (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, 24 March 2026.

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AGENDA

Apologies

1. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2026 as a correct record.

2. 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.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

To receive any public participation in accordance with the Council's public participation scheme.

4. OPEN SPACES AND PLAYGROUND SAFETY CHECKS (Pages 3 - 10)

To receive the Open Spaces and Playground Safety Checks report.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2025-26 (FEBRUARY 26) (Pages 11 - 34)

To receive the Internal Audit Progress Report 2025/26 (February 26).

6. INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER AND RISK BASED PLAN 2026-27 (Pages 35 - 72)

To receive the Internal Audit Charter and Risk Based Plan 2026-27.

7. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 AND INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2016 (Pages 73 - 134)

To receive the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 and Investigatory Powers Act 2016 Report.

8. AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PLAN (Pages 135 - 138)

To consider the Audit Committee's Work Plan.

9. ANY OTHER ITEMS WHICH THE CHAIRMAN DECIDES ARE URGENT

To:

Councillors

Alan Alvey (Chairman)
John Adams (Vice-Chairman)
Kate Crisell
Jacqui England
Alan O'Sullivan

Councillors

Caroline Rackham
Janet Richards
Malcolm Wade
Richard Young