



Audit Committee

Date Monday 20 May 2024

Time 9.30 am

Venue Committee Room 1 A

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 February 2024 (Pages 3 - 18)
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Climate Emergency Response Plan - Presentation by the Head of Environment (Pages 19 - 34)
5. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Performance Report Quarter Four 2023/24 - Joint Report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth and the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 35 - 58)
6. Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2023: Actions Update - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 59 - 76)
7. Audit Strategy Memorandum - Durham County Council - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 77 - 116)
8. Audit Strategy Memorandum - Durham County Council Pension Fund - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 117 - 152)
9. Internal Audit Progress Update Report Period Ended 31 March 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 153 - 170)
10. Internal Audit Charter, Strategy and Plan 2024/25 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 171 - 216)
11. Appointment of Co-opted Independent Members to the Audit Committee - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 217 - 228)

12. Review of the Audit Committee Terms of Reference and Self Assessment Effectiveness - Report of the Chief Internal Auditor and Corporate Fraud Manager (Pages 229 - 256)
13. Treasury Management Update and Training Session - Presentation by the Finance Manager - Revenues, Pensions and Technical and the Principal Accountant - Commercial Capital and Treasury (Pages 257 - 278)
14. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
15. Any resolution relating to the exclusion of the public during the discussion of items containing exempt information

Part B

Items during which it is considered the meeting will not be open to the public (consideration of exempt or confidential information)

16. Internal Audit Progress Report Period Ended 31 March 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 279 - 288)
17. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

Helen Bradley

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10 May 2024

To: **The Members of the Audit Committee**

Councillor A Watson (Chair)
Councillor L Fenwick (Vice-Chair)

Councillors A Hanson, P Heaviside, A Jackson, B Kellett,
D Oliver, R Ormerod and T Smith

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