



Audit Committee

Date Monday 27 November 2023

Time 9.30 am

Venue Committee Room 2, County Hall, Durham

Business

Part A

Items which are open to the Public and Press

1. Apologies for absence
2. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 September 2023
(Pages 5 - 16)
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Audit Strategy Memorandum: Durham County Council - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 17 - 52)
5. Audit Completion and Annual Reports 2022/2023 - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 53 - 148)
6. Audit Strategy Memorandum: Durham County Council Pension Fund - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 149 - 178)
7. Audit Completion Report: Durham County Council Pension Fund Year ended 31 March 2023 - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 179 - 224)
8. Annual Governance Statement for the year April 2022 to March 2023 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 225 - 270)
9. Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2023 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 271 - 536)
10. Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2023: Actions Update - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 537 - 554)
11. Health, Safety and Wellbeing Performance Report Quarter Two 2023/24 - Report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth (Pages 555 - 576)

12. Strategic Risk Management Progress Report for 2023/2024 Review 2: June - 30 September 2023 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 577 - 624)
13. Updated Local Code of Corporate Governance - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 625 - 664)
14. Protecting the Public Purse Update: Position as at 30 September 2023 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 665 - 680)
15. Internal Audit Progress Update Report Period Ending 30 September 2023 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 681 - 696)
16. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration
17. 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)

18. Protecting the Public Purse Update Activity Report as at 30 September 2023 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 697 - 702)
19. Internal Audit Progress Report Period ended 30 September 2023 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 703 - 708)
20. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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17 November 2023

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

Co-opted Members:

Mr C Robinson and Mr I Rudd

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