



Audit Committee

Date **Friday 29 November 2024**

Time **9.30 am**

Venue **Committee Room 1A , 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 30 September 2024
(Pages 5 - 18)
3. Declarations of interest, if any
4. Empty Homes Update - Presentation of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth (Pages 19 - 30)
5. Audit Completion Report 2023/2024 - Durham County Council - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 31 - 80)
6. Audit Completion Report 2023/2024 - Durham County Council Pension Fund - Report of the External Auditor (Pages 81 - 124)
7. Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources
(Pages 125 - 176)
8. Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2024 - Durham County Council - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 177 - 430)
9. Annual Governance Statement for the year ended 31 March 2024: Actions Update - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 431 - 444)
10. Quarter two 2024/25 Health, Safety and Wellbeing Performance Report - Joint report of the Report of the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth and the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 445 - 472)

11. Mid-Year Review Report on Treasury Management for the period to 30 September 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 473 - 492)
12. Strategic Risk Management Progress Report for 2024/25. Review 2: 1 June 2024 - 30 September 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 493 - 550)
13. Updated Local Code of Corporate Governance - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 551 - 598)
14. Protecting the Public Purse – Update Activity Report as of 30 September 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 599 - 612)
15. Internal Audit Progress Update Report Period Ended 30 September 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 613 - 632)
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 of 30 September 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 633 - 638)
19. Internal Audit Progress Report Period Ended 30 September 2024 - Report of the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 639 - 648)
20. Milburngate Update - Joint Presentation by the Corporate Director of Regeneration, Economy and Growth and the Corporate Director of Resources (Pages 649 - 658)
21. Such other business as in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration

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Durham
21 November 2024

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

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

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

Co-opted Members:

Mr F Barnish, Mr C Robinson and Mr I Rudd

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