

Notice of Meeting

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 30 January 2024 - 7:00 pm
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Barking

Members: Cllr Princess Bright (Chair); Cllr Mohammed Khan (Deputy Chair); Cllr Dorothy Akwaboah, Cllr Josie Channer, Cllr Rocky Gill, Cllr Margaret Mullane, Cllr Adegboyega Oluwole and Cllr Muazzam Sandhu.

Independent Member (for audit matters only): Stephen Warren

By Invitation: Steve Blandon, Michael Asare Bediako and David Eagles (BDO)
Paul Dossett and Ibukun O Oluwasegun (Grant Thornton)

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AGENDA

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes - To confirm as correct the minutes of the meetings held on 4 October 2023 (Pages 3 - 11)**
- 4. Complaints Update (Pages 13 - 15)**
- 5. Council's Accounts Audit Update - 2019/20 - 2022/23**

Report to follow

6. Update from BDO on external audit delivery of Council Accounts 2019/20 - 2022/23

Report to follow

7. LBBD Audit Progress and Sector Update and Preventing Failures in Local Government- Grant Thornton, External Auditors (Pages 17 - 55)

8. Corporate Risk Management Report (Pages 57 - 62)

9. Internal Annual Audit Report 2022/23 (Pages 63 - 83)

10. Internal Audit Q3 (2023/24) Update (Pages 85 - 95)

11. Counter Fraud Q3 (2023/24) Update (Pages 97 - 104)

12. Work Programme 2023/24 (Page 105)

13. Any other public items which the Chair decides are urgent

14. To consider whether it would be appropriate to pass a resolution to exclude the public and press from the remainder of the meeting due to the nature of the business to be transacted

Private Business

The public and press have a legal right to attend Council meetings such as the Audit and Standards Committee, except where business is confidential or certain other sensitive information is to be discussed. The list below shows why items are in the private part of the agenda, with reference to the relevant legislation (the relevant paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended). ***There are no such items at the time of preparing this agenda.***

15. Any other confidential or exempt items which the Chair decides are urgent