

**Notice of Meeting**

**AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**Monday, 22 July 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 Adegboyega Oluwole, Cllr Mukhtar Yusuf and Cllr Sabbir Zamee.

**Independent Member** (for audit matters only): Stephen Warren

**By Invitation:** Steve Blandon and Michael Asare Bediako (BDO), Paul Dossett (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 26 March 2024 (Pages 3 - 7)**
- 4. Update from BDO on the audit of the Council Statement of Accounts 2019-20 including the additional fee and the publication of the 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23 Statement of Accounts (Pages 9 - 11)**
- 5. Publication of the 2023-24 Statement of Accounts and Grant Thornton audit progress report and sector updates (Pages 13 - 46)**

6. **Internal Audit Annual Report 2023/24 (Pages 47 - 65)**
7. **Counter Fraud Annual Report 2023/24 (Pages 67 - 73)**
8. **Work Programme 2024/25 (Pages 75 - 76)**
9. **Any other public items which the Chair decides are urgent**
10. **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**

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