

NOTICE OF MEETING

Meeting	Audit Committee
Date and Time	Thursday, 16th December, 2021 at 2.00 pm
Place	Mitchell Room, EII Court, Winchester
Enquiries to	members.services@hants.gov.uk

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AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members who believe they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter to be considered at the meeting must declare that interest and, having regard to Part 3 Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore all Members with a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting should consider, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, consider whether it is appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter is discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 29 SEPTEMBER 2021 (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting.

4. DEPUTATIONS

To receive any deputations notified under Standing Order 12.

5. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

To receive any announcements the Chairman may wish to make.

6. INFORMATION COMPLIANCE - USE OF REGULATED INVESTIGATORY POWERS (Pages 11 - 16)

To receive the quarterly update on the County Council's use of regulated investigatory powers.

7. OPTIONS FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS (Pages 17 - 30)

To consider a report of the Director of Corporate Operations outlining the options available to the County Council for the appointment of external auditors for the 5 year period from April 2023.

8. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 31 - 58)

To receive a report from the Director of Corporate Operations providing an overview of internal audit activity against assurance work completed in accordance with the approved audit plan.

9. MINUTES OF THE HAMPSHIRE PENSION FUND PANEL AND BOARD MEETING - 27 JULY 2021 (LESS EXEMPT) (Pages 59 - 70)

To receive the non-exempt minutes of the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board meeting held on 27 July 2021.

10. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Pages 71 - 82)

To consider a report of the Chief Executive and Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services providing an update against the County Council's corporate risk management arrangements.

11. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during the following items of business, as it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during these items there would be disclosure to them of exempt information within Paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and further that in all the circumstances of the cases, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons set out in the exempt minutes.

12. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE - EXEMPT APPENDIX (Pages 83 - 84)

To consider an exempt appendix to the Corporate Risk Management update report.

13. MINUTES OF THE HAMPSHIRE PENSION FUND PANEL AND BOARD MEETING - 27 JULY 2021 (EXEMPT) (Pages 85 - 90)

To receive the exempt minutes of the Hampshire Pension Fund Panel and Board meeting held on 27 July 2021.

ABOUT THIS AGENDA:

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ABOUT THIS MEETING:

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County Councillors attending as appointed members of this Committee or by virtue of Standing Order 18.5; or with the concurrence of the Chairman in connection with their duties as members of the Council or as a local County Councillor qualify for travelling expenses.