

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
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Date: 14 February 2024
My Ref:
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**Committee:
Audit Committee**

Date: Thursday, 22 February 2024
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Wilfred Owen Room, Shirehall, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury,
Shropshire, SY2 6ND

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

Please click [here](#) to view the livestream of the meeting on the date and time stated on the agenda

The recording of the event will also be made available shortly after the meeting on the Shropshire Council Youtube Channel [Here](#)

Tim Collard
Assistant Director – Legal and Governance

Members of Audit Committee

Simon Harris (Vice Chairman)
Nigel Lumby
Brian Williams (Chairman)

Roger Evans
Rosemary Dartnall

Independent Member: Jim Arnold

Your Committee Officer is:

Michelle Dulson Committee Officer
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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence / Notification of Substitutes

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 23 November 2023 (Pages 1 - 16)

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 November 2023 are attached for confirmation.

Contact Michelle Dulson (01743) 257719

4 Public Questions

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 5pm on Friday 16 February 2023.

5 Member Questions

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6 Second line assurance: Treasury Strategy 2024/25

The report of the Executive Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) is to follow.

Contact: James Walton (01743) 258915

7 Governance Assurance: Draft Audit Committee work plan and future training requirements (Pages 17 - 42)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.

Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

8 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Performance Report and revised Annual Audit Plan 2023/24 (Pages 43 - 62)

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Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

9 Third line assurance: Report of the Audit Review of Risk Management
(Pages 63 - 66)

The report of the Internal Audit Manager is attached.
Contact: Katie Williams 07584 217067

10 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 (Pages 67 - 70)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.
Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

11 Third line of assurance: External Audit: Audit Findings Report 2022/23

The report of the Engagement Lead is to follow.
Contact: Grant Patterson (0121) 232 5296

12 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on the 27 June 2024 at 10:00am.

13 Exclusion of Press and Public

To RESOLVE that in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations and Paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items.

14 Exempt minutes of the previous meeting held on the 23 November 2023
(Pages 71 - 74)

The exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 23 November 2023 are attached for confirmation.
Contact: Michelle Dulson 01743 257719

15 First line assurance: Payroll Management Update (Exempted by categories 2, 3 and 7) (Pages 75 - 78)

The report of the Assistant Director of Workforce is attached.
Contact: Sam Williams (01743) 252817

16 Third line assurance: North West Relief Road Audit (Exempted by categories 3 and 5) (Pages 79 - 84)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.

Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

17 First line assurance: North West Relief Road Management Update (Exempted by category 3) (Pages 85 - 92)

The report of the Director for Place is attached.

Contact: Mark Barrow:

18 Internal Audit: Fraud, Special Investigation and RIPA Update (Exempted by Categories 1, 2, 3 and 7) (Pages 93 - 96)

The report of the Internal Audit Manager is attached.

Contact: Katie Williams 07584 217067