

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Date: 19 September 2024
My Ref:
Your Ref:

**Committee:
Audit Committee**

Date: Friday, 27 September 2024
Time: 10.00 am
**Venue: Shrewsbury/Oswestry 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
Kate Halliday

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 17 July 2024 (Pages 1 - 12)

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 July 2024 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 12noon on Monday 23 September 2024.

5 Member Questions

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6 First line assurance: NWRR Management update

The report of the Director of Place is to follow.

Contact: Mark Barrow (01743) 258919

7 Second line assurance: Strategic Risk Update (Pages 13 - 18)

The report of the Assistant Director – Workforce & Improvement is attached.

Contact: Sam Williams (01743) 252817

8 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Performance Report and revised Annual Audit Plan 2024/25 (Pages 19 - 36)

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

Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

9 Third line assurance: External Audit, Audit progress report and sector

update (Pages 37 - 54)

The report of the Engagement Lead is attached.
Contact: Avtar S Sohal (0121) 232 6420

10 Third line of assurance: External Audit: Shropshire County Pension Fund Annual Audit Findings (Information) 2023/24 (Pages 55 - 82)

The report of the Engagement Lead is attached.
Contact: Avtar S Sohal (0121) 232 6420

11 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on the 28 November 2024 at 10.00 am.

12 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.

13 Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17 July 2024 (Pages 83 - 86)

The Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 July 2024 are attached for confirmation.
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14 Internal Audit: Fraud, Special Investigation and RIPA Update (Exempted by Categories 1, 2, 3 and 7) (Pages 87 - 90)

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