

Governance, Risk and Audit Committee



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A meeting of the **Governance, Risk and Audit Committee** of North Norfolk District Council will be held in the **Council Chamber - Council Offices** on **Tuesday, 26 March 2024** at **2.00 pm**.

At the discretion of the Chairman, a short break will be taken after the meeting has been running for approximately one and a half hours

Members of the public who wish to ask a question or speak on an agenda item are requested to notify the committee clerk 24 hours in advance of the meeting and arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the meeting. This is to allow time for the Committee Chair to rearrange the order of items on the agenda for the convenience of members of the public. Further information on the procedure for public speaking can be obtained from Democratic Services, Tel: 01263 516047, Email: neil.white@north-norfolk.gov.uk.

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Please note that Committee members will be given priority to speak during the debate of agenda items

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Democratic Services Manager

To: Cllr J Toye, Cllr J Boyle, Cllr S Penfold, Cllr C Cushing, Cllr L Vickers and Cllr A Fletcher

All other Members of the Council for information.

Members of the Management Team, appropriate Officers, Press and Public



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A G E N D A

1. TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

2. SUBSTITUTES

3. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive public questions, if any.

4. ITEMS OF URGENT BUSINESS

To determine any items of business which the Chairman decides should be considered as a matter of urgency pursuant to section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Members are asked at this stage to declare any interests that they may have in any of the following items on the agenda. The code of conduct for Members requires that declarations include the nature of the interest and whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest.

6. MINUTES

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To approve as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting of the Governance, Risk & Audit Committee held on 5 December 2023.

7. ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

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To consider and approve the accounting policies that will be applied to the Statement of Accounts for 2023/24. It also informs the Committee of any Accounting Standards that have been issued but that are not yet adopted.

It also provides an update for the Committee on the proposed actions and process for catching up with the national backlog of local government audits.

8. CORPORATE RISK REGISTER

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To consider the Council's Corporate Risk Register.

9. STRATEGIC AND ANNUAL PLANS INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24

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To consider an overview of the stages followed prior to the formulation of the Strategic Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25 to 2026/27 and the Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25.

10. GRAC SELF-ASSESSMENT

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To consider the results of the self-assessment questionnaires returned and completed by Members of the Governance, Risk and Audit Committee.

- 11. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY** 113 - 138
- To consider the Council's Anti Money Laundering Policy.
- 12. COUNTER FRAUD, CORRUPTION & BRIBERY STRATEGY** 139 - 156
- To consider the Council's updated Counter Fraud, Corruption and Bribery Strategy.
- 13. PROCUREMENT EXEMPTIONS REGISTER** 157 - 158
- To consider the Procurement Exemptions register.
- 14. WHISTLE BLOWING POLICY** 159 - 182
- To consider the Council's Updated Whistleblowing Policy.
- 15. REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S ASSET REGISTER** 183 - 188
- To consider the Council's Asset Register.
- 16. GOVERNANCE, RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE UPDATE AND ACTION LIST** 189 - 190
- To monitor progress on items requiring action from the previous meeting, including progress on implementation of audit recommendations.
- 17. GOVERNANCE, RISK AND AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME** 191 - 194
- To review the Governance, Risk & Audit Committee Work Programme.
- 18. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC** 195 - 202
- To pass the following resolution:
- "That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to the Act."
- Information relating to the appendix to the report [Agenda item 15] involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Part 1 of schedule 12A (as amended) to the Local Government Act 1972.
- This paragraph relates to:
- Para 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
- The public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public

interest in disclosure for the following reasons:

The information is commercially sensitive, relating to values. Releasing this information would be likely to prejudice the Council in obtaining best value, in the interests of Council Tax payers, in the event of any future negotiations or disposal.