

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Stephen Mann (Chair)
Councillor Joy Prince (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Clive Fraser, Patsy Cummings, Pat Clouder, Mary Croos,
Jan Buttinger, Oni Oviri, Ian Parker and Steve Hollands

Co-optees: Muffaddal Kapasi and Nousheen Hassan

Reserve Members: Councillors Maddie Henson, Toni Letts, Jamie Audsley,
David Wood, Sherwan Chowdhury, Jason Cummings, Badsha Quadir,
Stuart Millson and Simon Brew

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Thursday, 4 April 2019** at **6.30pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon, CR0 1NX**

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Members of the public are welcome to attend this meeting.
If you require any assistance, please contact the person detailed above, on the righthand side.

N.B This meeting will be paperless. The agenda can be accessed online at www.croydon.gov.uk/meetings

AGENDA – PART A

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence from any members of the Committee.

2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 10)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 6 December 2018 as an accurate record.

3. Disclosure of Interests

In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct and the statutory provisions of the Localism Act, Members and co-opted Members of the Council are reminded that it is a requirement to register disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs) and gifts and hospitality to the value of which exceeds £50 or multiple gifts and/or instances of hospitality with a cumulative value of £50 or more when received from a single donor within a rolling twelve month period. In addition, Members and co-opted Members are reminded that unless their disclosable pecuniary interest is registered on the register of interests or is the subject of a pending notification to the Monitoring Officer, they are required to disclose those disclosable pecuniary interests at the meeting. This should be done by completing the Disclosure of Interest form and handing it to the Democratic Services representative at the start of the meeting. The Chair will then invite Members to make their disclosure orally at the commencement of Agenda item 3. Completed disclosure forms will be provided to the Monitoring Officer for inclusion on the Register of Members' Interests.

4. Urgent Business (if any)

To receive notice of any business not on the agenda which in the opinion of the Chair, by reason of special circumstances, be considered as a matter of urgency.

5. Grant Thornton Reports (Pages 11 - 42)

To receive the Housing Benefit Subsidy Claim Certification, the Audit Plan 2018/2019 General Fund and the Audit Plan 2018/2019 Pension Fund.

6. Presentation on an area of risk - Schools in Deficit (Pages 43 - 54)

A presentation on schools in deficit.

- 7. Internal Audit, Charter, Strategy and Plan (Pages 55 - 74)**
The report of the Internal Audit Charter, Strategy and the Plan of audit work for 2019/20 is attached.
- 8. Internal Audit Update Report (Pages 75 - 94)**
This report details the work completed by Internal Audit so far during 2018/19 and the progress made in implementing recommendations from audits completed in previous years.
- 9. Anti-Fraud Update Report (Pages 95 - 100)**
This report details the performance of the Council's Corporate Anti-Fraud Team (CAFT) and includes details of the team's performance together with an update on developments during the period 1 April 2018 – 31 January 2019.
- 10. Corporate Risk Register (Pages 101 - 120)**
The report updates the General Purposes & Audit Committee Members on the corporate risk register as at 4 April 2019.
- 11. General Purpose and Audit Committee Draft Annual Report 2018-2019 (Pages 121 - 132)**
The General Purposes and Audit Committee Draft Annual Report 2018-2019 is attached.
- 12. In-year Appointments (Pages 133 - 136)**
This report is to note the changes to appointments.
- 13. Exclusion of Public and Press**
The following motion is to be moved and seconded where it is proposed to exclude the press and public from the remainder of a meeting:

"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 it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within those paragraphs indicated in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended."

PART B