

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Karen Jewitt (Chair)
Councillor Joy Prince (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Pat Clouder, Bernadette Khan, Mary Croos, Stephen Mann,
Jan Buttinger, Oni Oviri, Stuart Millson, Steve Hollands, Muffaddal Kapasi
and Nousheen Hassan

Reserve Members: Clive Fraser, David Wood, Jamie Audsley,
Sherwan Chowdhury, Patsy Cummings, Toni Letts, Jason Cummings,
Badsha Quadir, Ian Parker and Simon Brew

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Monday, 13 January 2020** at **6.30 pm** 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 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 9 October 2019 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 - Annual Audit Findings (Pages 13 - 20)

This report is to inform the General Purposes and Audit Committee that the 2018/19 audit undertaken by Grant Thornton has been completed and the audit certificate has been issued and published on the Council's website with the Statement of Accounts.

6. Internal Audit Update Report (Pages 21 - 42)

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit so far during 2019/20 and the progress made in implementing recommendations from audits completed in previous years.

7. Anti-Fraud Update Report (Pages 43 - 48)

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 2019 – 30 November 2019.

8. Corporate Risk Register (Pages 49 - 74)

The report updates the General Purposes & Audit Committee Members on the corporate risk register (the register) as at 13 January 2020.

9. Update on In-Year appointments (Pages 75 - 76)

This report updates Members on a number of in-year appointments made either by the Leader of the Council under executive powers or by the Council Solicitor under delegated powers since the last meeting of the Committee.

10. 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