

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Councillor Karen Jewitt (Chair)
Councillor Stephen Mann (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Bernadette Khan, Joy Prince, Mary Croos, Jamie Audsley,
Jan Buttinger, Steve Hollands, Stuart Millson, Tim Pollard,
Muffaddal Kapasi, James Smith and Jason Cummings

Reserve Members: Clive Fraser, Pat Clouder, Felicity Flynn, Nina Degrad, Patricia Hay-Justice, Ian Parker, Badsha Quadir and Simon Hoar

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 7 October 2020 at 5.00 pm**. This meeting will be held remotely. Members of the Committee will be sent a link to remotely attend the meeting in due course.

PLEASE NOTE: Members of the public are welcome to remotely attend this meeting via the following web link: <http://webcasting.croydon.gov.uk/meetings/10878>

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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 7 - 14)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 17 March 2020 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. Presentation on Renewing Croydon: The Plan

[To Follow]

5a. Croydon Finance Review - Phase 1 Report (Pages 15 - 134)

For Members to receive, consider and comment on the Croydon Finance Review – Phase 1 report and action plan.

6. Financial Performance Report (Pages 135 - 158)

This report updates Members on the Council's financial outlook at the

end of the first quarter of 2020/21.

7. Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy End of Year Review 2019/2020 (Pages 159 - 182)

This report details the Council's Treasury Management activities for the year 2019/2020 and demonstrates its compliance with the 2017 Prudential Code for Capital Finance.

8. Head of Internal Audit Annual Report (Pages 183 - 222)

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit in 2019/20 and the overall levels of assurance for the Council's internal control environment to support the Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

9. Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 (Pages 223 - 266)

This report details the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2019/20.

10. Anti-Fraud Update Report (Pages 267 - 272)

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 2020 – 31 August 2020.

11. Internal Audit Review of Effectiveness (Pages 273 - 280)

This report details the Director of Finance, Investment & Risk (Section 151 Officer)'s review of the effectiveness of the Council's internal audit.

12. Update on In-Year Appointments (Pages 281 - 286)

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

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

