

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



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

Co-Optee Members: Muffaddal Kapasi and James Smith

Reserve Members: Clive Fraser, Pat Clouder, Felicity Flynn, Nina Degrad, Patricia Hay-Justice, Jason Cummings, 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 **Thursday, 14 January** at **6.30 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/11367>

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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 5 - 16)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 2 December 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. Grant Thornton - Audit Progress Report (Pages 17 - 32)

To receive the progress report from the Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton.

6. Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy Mid-Year Review 2020/2021 (Pages 33 - 52)

This Report is prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) codes of practice in respect of capital finance and treasury management.

The Committee is asked to note the contents of the report.

7. Internal Audit Update Report (Pages 53 - 80)

This report details the work completed by Internal Audit so far during 2020/21 and the progress made in implementing recommendations from audits completed in previous years.

The Committee is asked to note the content of the report.

8. Anti-Fraud Update Report (Pages 81 - 88)

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 – 30 November 2020.

The Committee is asked to note the Anti-fraud activity of the Corporate Anti-Fraud Team for the period 1 April 2020 – 30 November 2020.

9. Corporate Risk Register (Pages 89 - 124)

The report updates the General Purposes & Audit Committee Members on the corporate risk register.

The Committee is asked to note the content of the Corporate Risk Register as at January 2021.

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.”