

General Purposes & Audit Committee Agenda



To: Dr Olu Olasode (Chair)
Councillor Karen Jewitt (Vice-Chair)
Councillors Chris Clark, Nina Degrads, Clive Fraser, Lynne Hale,
Ola Kolade, Stuart Millson, Ian Parker, Joy Prince and Paul Scott

Reserve Members: Margaret Bird, Pat Clouder, Sean Fitzsimons,
Bernadette Khan, Andrew Pelling, Kola Agboola, Jason Cummings,
Badsha Quadir and Jeet Bains

A meeting of the **General Purposes & Audit Committee** which you are hereby summoned to attend, will be held on **Wednesday, 16 February 2022** at **6.30 pm** in **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Katharine Street, Croydon CR0 1NX**

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Democratic Services

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Tuesday, 8 February 2022

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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 Previous Meetings (Pages 5 - 18)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 January 2022, and the Minutes of the meetings held on 26 April 2021 and 8 July 2021.

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. Appointment of External Auditors (Pages 19 - 24)

The Committee is asked to recommend to Full Council that the external auditor for the Council and for the pension fund for the audit years 2023/2024 to 2027/2028 should be appointed by Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA), which is a subsidiary of the Improvement and Development Agency (IDeA) which is wholly owned by the Local Government Association.

6. Internal Audit Report (Pages 25 - 54)

Internal Audit's work helps the Council to improve its value for money by

strengthening financial management and supporting risk management.

7. Care Cubed (Pages 55 - 62)

This report provides an update to the General Purposes and Audit Committee on the procurement, implementation and effectiveness of the CareCubed costing tool for working age adult and children's social care placements.

8. Work Programme (Pages 63 - 68)

The Work Programme is scheduled for consideration at every ordinary meeting of the General Purpose and Audit Committee.

9. 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