



North Ayrshire Council
Comhairle Siorrachd Àir a Tuath

Audit and Scrutiny Committee

A Meeting of the **Audit and Scrutiny Committee** of North Ayrshire Council will be held in the **Council Chambers, Ground Floor, Cunninghame House, Irvine, KA12 8EE** on **Tuesday, 15 November 2022** at **10:00** to consider the undernoted business.

Meeting Arrangements - Hybrid Meetings

This meeting will be held on a predominantly physical basis but with provision, by prior notification, for remote attendance by Elected Members in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 2003. Where possible, the meeting will be live-streamed and available to view at <https://north-ayrshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home>.

1 Declarations of Interest

Members are requested to give notice of any declarations of interest in respect of items of business on the Agenda.

2 Minutes

The accuracy of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 27 September 2022 will be confirmed and the Minutes signed in accordance with Paragraph 7 (1) of Schedule 7 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (copy enclosed).

3 Petition: Proposed Car Parking Charges: Owenward East and Almswall Road Car Parks, Kilwinning

Submit report by the Head of Service (Democratic) on the terms of a petition received in respect of proposed car parking charges at Owenward East and Almswall Road Car Parks, Kilwinning (copy enclosed).

4 Annual Report on the 2021/22 Audit

Submit report by the Head of Finance on the Annual Audit report for 2021/22 and receive verbal report by the external auditor (copy enclosed).

- 5 Accounts Commission's Report: Scotland's Financial Response to Covid-19**
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of the recently published Accounts Commission report (copy enclosed).
- 6 Year End Performance Reporting: Council Plan Year End Progress Report 2021-22, Annual Performance Report 2021-22 and Local Government Benchmarking Framework Report 2020-21**
Submit report by the Head of Service (Democratic) on progress with the Council Plan priorities (copy enclosed).
- 7 2021-2022 Complaints Report**
Submit report by the Head of Service (Democratic) providing information on the Council's complaint performance and the volumes and trends of complaints received in Financial Year 2021/22 (copy enclosed).
- 8 Workforce Absence 2019-2022**
Submit report by the Head of Service (People & ICT) providing a year end summary of sickness absence for the period 2019/20 to 2021/22 (copy enclosed).
- 9 Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud Action Plans: Quarter 2 Update**
Submit report by Head of Service (Finance) on the progress made by Council Services in implementing the agreed actions from Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud reports as at 30 September 2022 (copy enclosed).
- 10 Corporate Fraud Team Update Report**
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the work of the Corporate Fraud Team between April and September 2022 (copy enclosed).
- 11 Internal Audit Reports Issued**
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of Internal Audit work completed between September and October 2022 (copy enclosed).
- 12 National Fraud Initiative (NFI) in Scotland 2022**
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) providing an overview of the NFI 2020/21 exercise outcomes (copy enclosed).
- 13 Urgent Items**
Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

14 Exclusion of the Public - Para 1

Resolve in terms of Section 50(A)4 of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, to exclude from the Meeting the press and the public for the following item of business on the grounds indicated in terms of Paragraph 1 of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act.

Non Disclosure of Information

In terms of Standing Order 21 (Disclosure of Information), the information contained within the following report is confidential information within the meaning of Section 50A of the 1973 Act and shall not be disclosed to any person by any Member or Officer.

15 Investigation Reports Issued

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on investigation reports finalised since the last meeting (copy enclosed).

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John Bell (Chair)
Donald Reid (Vice Chair)
Eleanor Collier
Cameron Inglis
Tom Marshall
Matthew McLean
Davina McTiernan
Ian Murdoch
John Sweeney

Chair:

Apologies:

Attending: