



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 **Thursday, 25 January 2024** 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 14 November 2023 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 Annual Report – School and Early Learning and Childcare Inspections 2022-23**

Submit report by the Executive Director (Communities & Education) informing of the performance of North Ayrshire schools and early learning and childcare settings in external inspections, with a focus on those published during session 2022-23 (copy enclosed).

#### **4 Education Authority Annual Plan 2023-24**

Submit report by the Executive Director (Communities & Education) seeking approval for the publication of the Education Authority Annual Plan for 2023-24 (copy enclosed).

- 5 HMIe Progress Review of Community Learning and Development**  
Submit report by the Executive Director (Communities & Education) informing of the outcomes of the recent Progress Review of Community Learning and Development by HMIE (copy enclosed).
- 6 North Ayrshire Council's Performance Strategy 2023-28**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Democratic) advising of the Council's Performance Strategy 2023-28, including a new approach to self-assessment (copy enclosed).
- 7 Year End Performance Reporting: Council Plan Year End Progress Report 2022-23; and Local Government Benchmarking Framework Analysis of 2023 Data Release**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Democratic) advising on progress of the Council Plan priorities (copy enclosed).
- 8 North Ayrshire Council Plan 2023-28: Performance Management Framework**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Democratic) on the Council Plan 2023-28 Performance Management Framework, attached at Appendix 1 to the report (copy enclosed).
- 9 Internal Audit Reports Issued**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of Internal Audit work completed between November and December 2023 (copy enclosed).
- 10 Urgent Items**  
Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.
- 11 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.
- 12 Investigation Reports Issued (Exempt Item)**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) informing of investigation reports finalised since the last meeting of the Committee (copy enclosed).

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## Audit and Scrutiny Committee Sederunt

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

Chair:

Apologies:

Attending: