

## **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**, **31 May 2022** at **10:00** to consider the undernoted business.

#### 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 External Audit Report on Audit Dimensions and Best Value for the year ended 31 March 2022

Submit report by Head of Service (Finance) on the findings from the External Audit report on Audit Dimensions and Best Value for 2021/22 (copy enclosed).

# Accounts Commission's Report: Local Government in Scotland: Financial Overview 2020/21

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of the recently published Accounts Commission report (copy enclosed).

#### 4 Internal Audit Annual Report 2021/22

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the work of Internal Audit during 2021/22 and providing an opinion on the governance, risk management and internal control environment of the Council (copy enclosed).

#### 5 Annual Governance Statement 2021-22

Submit a report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2021-22 for inclusion within the draft Annual Accounts (copy enclosed).

#### 6 Accounting Policies 2021/22

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the accounting policies which will be adopted in the preparation of the Council's Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2022 (copy enclosed).

#### 7 Corporate Fraud Team Annual Report 2021/22

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the work of the Corporate Fraud Team during 2021/22 (copy enclosed).

8 Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud Action Plans: Quarter 4 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 31 March 2022 (copy enclosed).

#### 9 Internal Audit Reports Issued

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of Internal Audit work completed between March and April 2022 (copy enclosed).

### 10 Participatory Budgeting

Submit report by the Executive Director (Communities and Education) providing an update on engagement methods used in Participatory Budgeting events (copy enclosed).

### 11 Urgent Items

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

#### 12 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 19 (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.

#### 13 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 | Chair:     |
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| Matthew McLean Davina McTiernan Ian Murdoch John Sweeney                               | Apologies: |
|  | Attending: |