



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 remotely on **Tuesday, 01 June 2021 at 10:00** to consider the undernoted business.

### **Arrangements in Terms of COVID-19**

In light of the current COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting will be held remotely 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>. In the event that live-streaming is not possible, a recording of the meeting will instead be available to view at this location.

#### **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 9 March 2021 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 External Audit Report on Audit Dimensions and Best Value for 2020/21**

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings from the External Audit Report on Audit Dimensions and Best Value for 2020/21 (copy enclosed).

- 4 Accounting Policies 2020-21**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the Accounting Policies to be adopted in preparation of the Council's Annual Accounts for the year to 31 March 2021 (copy enclosed).
- 5 Annual Governance Statement 2021-21**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2020-21 which will be included within the draft Annual Accounts (copy enclosed).
- 6 Internal Audit Reports Issued**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of Internal Audit work completed during March and April 2021 (copy enclosed).
- 7 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 2021 (copy enclosed).
- 8 Internal Audit Annual Report 2020-21**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the work of Internal Audit during 2020-21 and an opinion on the governance, risk management and internal control environment of the Council (copy enclosed).
- 9 Corporate Fraud Team Annual Report 2020-21**  
Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the work of the Corporate Fraud Team during 2020/21 (copy enclosed).
- 10 Supporting North Ayrshire Together: Update on our response to the Coronavirus Pandemic**  
Submit report by the Head of Democratic Services on our response to the Coronavirus pandemic (copy enclosed).
- 11 Growth and Investment Governance Framework**  
Submit report by the Director (Growth and Investment) on North Ayrshire Council's internal governance arrangements for managing the Growth and Investment project development stages, including Ayrshire Growth Deal projects (copy enclosed).
- 12 Remote Access Controls: Education Network: Internal Audit Progress Update**  
Submit report by the Executive Director (Communities and Education) providing an update on the Internal Audit Report Management Action Plan and the Digital Strategy Review (copy enclosed).

**13 Economic Development and Regeneration Services Update: Seafield School, Eglinton Road, Ardrossan**

Submit report by the Executive Director (Place) on the actions being taken in respect of the Former Seafield School, Ardrossan (copy enclosed).

**14 Accounts Commission's Report: Local Government in Scotland: Financial Overview 2019/20**

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) of the findings of the recently published Accounts Commission's Report on the Financial Overview 2019/20 of Local Government in Scotland (copy enclosed).

**15 Urgent Items**

Any other items which the Chair considers to be urgent.

**Webcasting - Virtual Meeting**

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## Audit and Scrutiny Committee Sederunt

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Marie Burns (Chair)  
Margaret George (Vice Chair)  
Alan Hill  
Davina McTiernan  
Tom Marshall  
Donald Reid  
John Sweeney

Chair:

Apologies:

Attending: