

Audit and Scrutiny Committee

A meeting of the **Audit and Scrutiny Committee** of North Ayrshire Council will be held remotely on **Tuesday**, **16 November 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 <u>https://north-ayrshire.public-i.tv/core/portal/home</u>. 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 (i) the Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 14 September 2021 and (ii) the Special Meeting held on 27 September 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 Local Government in Scotland: Overview 2021

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of the recent national report (copy enclosed).

4 Local Government Benchmarking Framework (LGBF) 2019-20 Data Analysis (Data Released May 2021)

Submit a report by the Head of Service (Democratic) on an analysis of the Council's performance within the Local Government Benchmarking Framework (copy enclosed).

5 2020/21 Complaint 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 2020/21 (copy enclosed).

6 Strategic Risk Register 2021/22: Mid-year Update

Submit report by the Head of Service (Recovery & Renewal) providing a mid-year update on the progress with actions related to the Strategic Risk Register (copy enclosed).

7 Internal Audit Reports Issued

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) on the findings of Internal Audit work completed between September and October 2021 (copy enclosed).

8 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 30 September 2021 (copy enclosed).

9 Internal Audit Plan 2021/22: Mid-year Update

Submit report by the Head of Service (Finance) providing an update as at 30 September 2021 on progress made in delivering the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan (copy enclosed).

10 Corporate Fraud Team Update

Submit report by the Head of Finance on the work of the Corporate Fraud Team between April and September 2021 (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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