

Agenda

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Thursday, 16 September 2021 at 5.00 pm
At Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

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1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive any apologies for absence from the members of the Committee.

2 **Declarations of Interest**

Members to declare any interests in matters to be discussed at the meeting.

3 **Minutes**

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To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2021 and 29 July 2021.

4 **Additional Items of Business**

To determine whether there are any additional items of business to be considered as a matter of urgency.

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