

Agenda Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Thursday 17 March 2022 at 5.00 pm
At Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

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Regulations 2012.

- 1 Apologies for Absence
- 2 Declarations of Interest

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

3 **Minutes** 7 - 16

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 11 January 2022 as a correct record.

4 Urgent Business

To consider any urgent business.

5 External Audit Report - Value for Money
Governance Review and Improvement Plan

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To note and comment on the Grant Thornton Value for Money Governance Review Report and Improvement Plan.



















6	External Audit Annual Audit Letter	115 - 132
	To receive the Annual Audit Letter from the Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton, for the year ending March 2020.	
7	Internal Audit Progress Report	133 - 146
	To review and comment on the Internal Audit Progress Report.	
8	Internal Audit Plan 2022/23	147 - 166
	To review and approve the Internal Audit Plan 2022/23.	
9	Counter Fraud Update	167 - 182
	To note and comment on the Counter Fraud Update.	
10	Strategic Risk Register Update	183 - 210
	To note and comment on the strategic risks.	
11	Cabinet Forward Plan	211 - 230
	Standing item to consider the Cabinet Forward Plan.	

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