

Agenda

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Thursday, 21 September 2023 at 6.00 pm
In the Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

1 Apologies for Absence

To receive any apologies for absence.

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 20 July 2023.

4 Additional Items of Business

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

5 Improvement Plan Progress

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To consider and comment upon the progress of the Improvement Plan and the Risk Register up to 3 August 2023.

6 Auditor's Interim Annual Report

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To receive Grant Thornton's Interim Annual Report.

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| 7 | Audit Findings for Sandwell Council | 149 - 176 |
| | To receive Grant Thornton's Audit Findings Addendum. | |
| 8 | Strategic Risk Register Update | 177 - 192 |
| | To consider the Strategic Risk Register Update. | |
| 9 | Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee 2022-23 | 193 - 206 |
| | To consider the annual report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee 2022-23. | |
| 10 | CIPFA Audit Committee Update | 207 - 226 |
| | To receive the CIPFA Audit Committee Update. | |
| 11 | Work Programme 2023/24 | 227 - 232 |
| | To review and monitor the work programme of the Committee for the municipal year. | |
| 12 | Cabinet Forward Plan | 233 - 272 |
| | To consider the items on the Cabinet Forward Plan. | |

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