

Agenda

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Thursday, 18 January 2024 at 6.00 pm
At Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

1 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 23 November 2023 as a correct record.

4 Additional Items of Business

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

5 Local Audit Arrangements Update

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To note and comment upon the current position in relation to Local Audit Arrangements.

6 External Audit Plan 2021 - 2022

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To note and comment upon Grant Thornton's



External Audit Plan for 2021-22.

7 **Strategic Risk Register Update Report** 41 - 56

To note and comment upon the Strategic Risk Register Update Report.

8 **Work Programme for the 2023-24 Municipal Year** 57 - 64

Standing item to consider the Work Programme of the Committee.

9 **Cabinet Forward Plan** 65 - 96

Standing item to consider the Cabinet Forward Plan.

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