

Agenda

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

Thursday 22 February 2024 at 6.00 pm
in the Council Chamber - Sandwell Council House, Oldbury

1 **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence (if any).

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 January 2024 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 **Grant Thornton Follow-up Report and Improvement Plan Update**

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To consider and comment upon Grant Thornton's follow-up review report.



6	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee – Terms of Reference Annual Review	155 - 160
	To review and agree the terms of reference for the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee.	
7	Annual Governance Statement 2021-22	161 - 194
	To review the Annual Governance Statement for 2021-22.	
8	Internal Audit Plan 2024/25	195 - 212
	To review and approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25.	
9	Internal Audit Progress Report	213 - 224
	To review and comment upon the Internal Audit Progress Report.	
10	Cabinet Forward Plan	225 - 250
	Standing item to consider the Cabinet Forward Plan.	
11	Exclusion of the Public and Press	
	That the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting. This is to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, relating to an action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.	
12.	Cyber Security Update	251 - 254
	To review and comment upon the latest cyber security update.	

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