



Worcester
CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

AGENDA

Date: Wednesday, 6th December, 2023

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: The Guildhall

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Members of the Committee:-

Chair: Councillor Alan Amos (C)
Vice-Chair: Councillor Tom Piotrowski (G)

Councillor Owen Cleary (C)
Councillor Zoe Cookson (L)
Councillor Jessie Jagger (LD)

Councillor Matthew Lamb (L)
Councillor Tor Pingree (G)

C= Conservative G = Green L = Labour LCo = Labour and Co-operative
LD = Liberal Democrat

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Part 1
(ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND DECISION IN PUBLIC)

1. **Appointment of Substitutes**
To receive details of any Member nominated to attend the meeting in place of a Member of the Committee.
2. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations of interest.
3. **Public Participation**
Up to a total of fifteen minutes can be allowed, each speaker being allocated a maximum of five minutes, for members of the public to present a petition, ask a question or comment on any item on the Agenda or within the remit of the Committee.
4. **Minutes**
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Of the meeting held on 20th September 2023 to be approved and signed.
5. **Internal Audit Progress Report 2023/24**
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Ward(s): All Wards
Contact Officer: Adrian Howe, Interim Audit Team Leader
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That the Committee

1. notes the report of progress against the 2023/24 Audit Plan; and
2. agree the proposed revisions to the Plan.

6. **Best Value Interventions in Local Government**

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Ward(s): All Wards

Contact Officer: Shane Flynn, Corporate Director, Finance and Resources

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That the Committee notes the information set out in this report and identifies any particular topics of interest for more in-depth consideration by Members.

7. **Any Other Business**

Which in the opinion of the Chairman is of sufficient urgency as to warrant consideration.