

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 26 JANUARY 2021 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN ON-LINE MEETING, MICROSOFT TEAMS

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chairman to advise/meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Internet site (www.civico.net/birmingham) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

Members are reminded that they must declare all relevant pecuniary and non pecuniary interests arising from any business to be discussed at this meeting. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared a Member must not speak or take part in that agenda item. Any declarations will be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

3 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

4 EXEMPT INFORMATION – POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

a) To consider whether any matter on the agenda contains exempt information within the meaning of Section 100I of the Local Government Act 1972, and where it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.

b) If so, to formally pass the following resolution:-

- Item 5 - Private - Minutes Audit Committee 25 November 2020 (exempt paragraph 3)

RESOLVED – That, in accordance with Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to information) (Variation order) 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of those parts of the agenda designated as exempt on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information.

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- 5 **MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 25 NOVEMBER 2020**
- To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held 25 November 2020.
- 6 **USE OF DELEGATED AUTHORITY**
- To note the use of authority delegated to the Chair to act between meetings.
- 7 **ASSURANCE SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FINANCE & RESOURCES PORTFOLIO**
- (50 minutes allocated) (1410 – 1500)
- Verbal discussion
- The Cabinet Member of Finance & Resources with the Director of Human Resources
- 15 - 22**
- 8 **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**
- (5 minutes allocated) (1500 – 1505)
- Report of the Assistant Director Audit and Risk Management
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- 9 **BIRMINGHAM AUDIT - HALF YEAR UPDATE REPORT 2020/21**
- (10 minutes allocated) (1505 – 1515)
- Report of the Assistant Director Audit and Risk Management.
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- 10 **TREASURY RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**
- (15 minutes allocated) (1515 - 1530)
- Report of the Interim Head of Capital and Treasury Management
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- 11 **AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT**
- (10 minutes allocated) (1530 - 1540)
- Report of the Interim Chief Finance Officer

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12 **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER**

(5 minutes allocated) (1540 - 1545)

Report of the Interim Chief Finance Officer

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13 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT CONCERNING COMPLAINT ABOUT BIRMINGHAM CHILDREN'S TRUST - RESPONSE TO THE PUBLIC REPORT**

(15 minutes allocated) (1545 – 1600)

Report of the Chief Executive Birmingham Children's Trust

14 **ASSURANCE SESSION - CABINET MEMBER CHILDREN'S WELLBEING PORTFOLIO**

(55 minutes allocated) (1600 – 1655)

Verbal discussion

The Cabinet Member of Children's Wellbeing

i) Travel Assist - (Chief Executive and the Assistant Director Inclusion, SEND and Wellbeing (20 minutes)

ii) SEND - (the Assistant Director Inclusion, SEND and Wellbeing (15 minutes)

iii) Other risk related issues associated with the Portfolio - (20 minutes)

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15 **SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

Information for noting.

16 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, 22 February 2021 at 1400 hours via MS Teams (on-line).

17 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

To consider any items of business by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) that in the opinion of the Chairman are matters of urgency.

18 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS**

Chairman to move:-

'In an urgent situation between meetings, the Chairman jointly with the relevant Chief Officer has authority to act on behalf of the Committee'.