

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE 06 OCTOBER 2023
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**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE EXTRAORDINARY AUDIT COMMITTEE
HELD ON FRIDAY, 06 OCTOBER 2023 AT 1400 HOURS IN COMMITTEE
ROOM 3 & 4, COUNCIL HOUSE, VICTORIA SQUARE, BIRMINGHAM, B1
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PRESENT:-

Councillor Fred Grindrod in the Chair;

Councillors Miranda Perks, and Paul Tilsley

NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

661 The Chair advised and the Committee noted this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's Public-I microsite ([please click this link](#)) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

The business of the meeting and all discussions in relation to individual reports was available for public inspection via the web-stream.

APOLOGIES

662 Apologies were submitted on behalf of Councillors Shabrana Hussain, Meirion Jenkins and Shafique Shah for their inability to attend the meeting.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

663 Councillor Tilsley declared his standing declaration. He was a Non-Executive Director for Birmingham Airport (Non-pecuniary).

EXEMPT INFORMATION – POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Upon consideration, it was:

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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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It was noted the minutes from the meeting held on 27 September 2023 will be presented at the next meeting.

ASSURANCE SESSION – THE LEADER’S PORTFOLIO

The Chair informed the Committee, the Leader was unwell and unable to attend the meeting either online or in person, therefore submitted his apologies.

As this was the sole item on the agenda, the Chair proposed that the meeting was reconvened to take place before the next ordinary meeting which was scheduled to take place 18 October 2023.

Ideally, the reconvened meeting should take place before Wednesday, the 11th of October however, if this was not possible then meeting should take place immediately prior to the ordinary meeting scheduled of the 18th of October 2023.

It was moved by the Chair, seconded, and agreed by Councillors Tilsley and Councillor Perks.

Furthermore, the Chair raised his concerns that the Audit Committee had not been provided with enough information to consider the decision on the options for processing the Equal Pay (Job Evaluation) process. This was hoped to have been achieved via the Assurance Session from the Leader. The Council were due to vote on this decision next week and it was envisaged, Audit Committee Members could have raised questions related to this.

Upon consideration, it was:

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RESOLVED:-

The Audit Committee agreed to reconvene the Leader’s Portfolio Session.

667 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 18 October 2023 at 1400 hours in Committee Room 3 & 4, Council House.

The Extraordinary meeting to reconvene to cover the Leader's Portfolio.

AUTHORITY TO CHAIRMAN AND OFFICERS

668 **RESOLVED:-**

That in an urgent situation between meetings the Chair, jointly with the relevant Chief Officer, has authority to act on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting ended at 1410 hours.

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CHAIR