

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 22 FEBRUARY 2021 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN ON-LINE MEETING, MICROSOFT TEAMS

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1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

The Chair 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:-

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 - 26 JANUARY 2021**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held 26 January 2021.

6 **ASSURANCE SESSION - CABINET MEMBER HOMES & NEIGHBOURHOODS PORTFOLIO**

(55 minutes allocated) (1405 – 1500)

Verbal discussion

The Cabinet Member of Homes & Neighbourhood with the Director of Neighbourhoods.

- i) Housing Fire Safety Works
- ii) Spend to Save
- iii) Digital Autopsy
- iv) Centre of Excellence

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7 **AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE**

(15 minutes allocated) (1500 – 1515)

Report of the External Auditors

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8 **THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN AND THE HOUSING OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW 2019/20**

(10 minutes allocated) (1515 – 1525)

Report of the Interim Chief Executive

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9 **PUBLIC SECTOR INTERNAL AUDIT STANDARDS**

(15 minutes allocated) (1525 – 1540)

Report of the Assistant Director Audit and Risk Management

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10 **SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

Information for noting

11 **SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22**

To agree the following dates:

- Tuesday 29 June 2021 1400 – 1600hours
- Monday 26 July 2021 1400 – 1600 hours
- Tuesday 28 September 2021 1400 – 1600 hours
- Tuesday 19 October 2021 1400 – 1600 hours
- Monday 29 November 2021 1400 – 1600 hours
- Tuesday 25 January 2022 1400 – 1600 hours
- Tuesday 15 February 2022 1400 – 1600 hours
- Tuesday 29 March 2022 1400 – 1600 hours
- Tuesday 26 April 2022 1400 – 1600 hours

12 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place Tuesday, 30 March 2021 at 1400 hours via MS Teams (on-line).

13 **OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**

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

14 **AUTHORITY TO CHAIR AND OFFICERS**

Chair to move:-

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