

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

MONDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2021 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN BMI MAIN HALL, 9 MARGARET STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B3 3BS

A G E N D A

1 NOTICE OF RECORDING/WEBCAST

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2 APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies.

3 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.

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 11 - External Auditors IT Audit Report (Private)** - Schedule 12, Part 1, section 7 –“Information relating to any action taken or to be

taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime”.

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 19 OCTOBER 2021**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held 19 October 2021.

6 **ASSURANCE SESSION - CABINET MEMBER FINANCE & RESOURCES PORTFOLIO**

45 minutes allocated) (1405 – 1450)

Verbal discussion

Cabinet Member Finance & Resources, Director for Council Management, Interim Director of Human Resources and the Assistant Director Human Resources

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7 **TREASURY RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS & DRAFT TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022/23**

(10 minutes allocated) (1450 - 1500)

Report of the Director of Council Management

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8 **BIRMINGHAM AUDIT - HALF YEAR UPDATE REPORT 2021/22**

(10 minutes allocated) (1500 - 1510)

Report of the Assistant Director Audit and Risk Management

87 - 106

9 **CORPORATE ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK**

(10 minutes allocated) (1510 - 1520)

Report of the Assistant Director - Audit & Risk Management

10 **EQUAL PAY UPDATE**

(10 minutes allocated) (1520 - 1530)

Verbal update from the Assistant City Solicitor & Deputy Monitoring Officer

11 **EXTERNAL AUDITORS IT AUDIT REPORT**

Item Description

12 **EXTERNAL AUDITORS PROGRESS REPORT**

(5 minutes allocated) (1540 – 1545)

Report of the External Auditors

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13 **OMBUDSMAN REPORT CONCERNING A COMPLAINT ABOUT HOUSING SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT SERVICE**

(10 minutes allocated) (1545 - 1555)

Report of the Managing Director of the City Housing Directorate

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14 **SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

Information for noting.

15 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 25 January 2022 at 1400 hours in the Birmingham & Midlands Institute, Main Hall.

16 **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.

17 **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'.