

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 29 JUNE 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

The Chair to advise/meeting to note that this meeting will be webcast for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's meeting You Tube site (www.youtube.com/channel/UCT2kT7ZRPFCXq6_5dnVnYlw) and that members of the press/public may record and take photographs except where there are confidential or exempt items.

2 APPOINTMENT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE, MEMBERS, CHAIR AND DEPUTY CHAIR

(i) To note that the Council at its meeting on 25 May 2021 appointed the Audit Committee, Chair and Members to serve on the Committee for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2022.

Labour Group (5):-

Councillors Fred Grindrod (Chair), Sir Albert Bore, Marje Bridle, Safia Akhtar and Hendrina Quinnen.

Conservative Group (2):-

Councillors Meirion Jenkins and Simon Morrall.

Liberal Democrat Group (1):-

Councillor Paul Tilsley.

(ii) To elect a Deputy Chair, for the purpose of substitution for the Chair if absent, for the period ending with the Annual Meeting of the City Council in 2022.

3 **AUDIT COMMITTEE - FUNCTIONS**

To note the Committee's functions as set out in the attached schedule.

4 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies.

5 **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.

6 **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.

7 **MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 27 APRIL 2021**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held 27 April 2021.

8 **ASSURANCE SESSION – CABINET MEMBER STREET SCENE & PARKS PORTFOLIO**

(45 minutes allocated) (1415 – 1500)

Verbal discussion

The Cabinet Member Street Scene & Parks with the Director of Neighbourhoods.

- 17 - 64**
- 9 **BIRMINGHAM AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**
(15 minutes allocated) (1500 – 1515)
Report of the Assistant Director Audit and Risk Management.
- 65 - 86**
- 10 **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21**
(10 minutes allocated) (1515 – 1525)
Report of the Interim Director of Council Management.
- 87 - 102**
- 11 **CIPFA FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE SELF-ASSESSMENT**
(10 minutes allocated) (1525 – 1535)
Report of the Interim Director of Council Management.
- 103 - 116**
- 12 **DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21 PROCESS & TIMINGS BRIEFING**
(10 minutes allocated) (1535 – 1545)
Report of the Interim Director of Council Management.
- 117 - 146**
- 13 **AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT UPDATE**
(5 minutes allocated) (1545 – 1550)
Report of the Interim Director of Council Management.
- 147 - 148**
- 14 **SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**
Information for noting.
- 15 **DATES OF MEETINGS 2021/2022**
To approve the schedule of dates for the Committee meetings during 2021/22 taking place at 1400 hours in the Birmingham & Midlands Institute.
- | 2021 | 2022 |
|----------------------|---------------------|
| Tuesday 29 June | Tuesday 25 January |
| Monday 26 July | Tuesday 15 February |
| Tuesday 28 September | Tuesday 29 March |
| Tuesday 19 October | Tuesday 26 April |
| Monday 29 November | |
- 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'.