

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 19 OCTOBER 2021 AT 14:00 HOURS
IN BMI MAIN HALL, 9 MARGARET STREET, BIRMINGHAM, B3 3BS

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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 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 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:-

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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| <u>1 - 14</u> | 5 | <u>MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE 30 SEPTEMBER 2021</u> |
| | | To confirm and sign the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee held 30 September 2021. |
| | 6 | <u>ASSURANCE SESSION - THE DEPUTY LEADER'S PORTFOLIO</u> |
| | | (50 minutes allocated) (1405 – 1455) |
| | | Verbal discussion |
| | | The Deputy Leader with the Director of Digital and Customer Services |
| <u>15 - 54</u> | 7 | <u>EXTERNAL AUDITORS AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2020/21</u> |
| | | (10 minutes allocated) (1455 - 1505) |
| | | Report of the External Auditors |
| <u>55 - 284</u> | 8 | <u>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020/21 & AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT</u> |
| | | (10 minutes allocated) (1505 - 1515) |
| | | Report of the Director of Council Management |
| <u>285 - 308</u> | 9 | <u>ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT</u> |
| | | (10 minutes allocated) (1515 - 1525) |
| | | Report of the Director of Council Management |
| <u>309 - 330</u> | 10 | <u>REPORT INTO ISSUES RELATED TO THE TRAVEL ASSIST SERVICE</u> |
| | | (45 minutes allocated) (1525 – 1610) |
| | | Report of the Interim Director of Education & Skills |
| <u>331 - 360</u> | 11 | <u>BIRMINGHAM AUDIT ANNUAL FRAUD REPORT 2020/21</u> |
| | | (10 minutes allocated) (1610 - 1620) |
| | | Report of the Assistant Director Audit and Risk Management |

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12 **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE**

(10 minutes allocated) (1620 - 1630)

Report of the Assistant Director Audit and Risk Management

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13 **SCHEDULE OF OUTSTANDING MINUTES**

Information for noting.

14 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled to take place on Monday, 29 November 2021 at 1400 hours in the Birmingham & Midlands Institute, Main Hall.

15 **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.

16 **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'.