

Meeting Audit and Governance Committee

Date and Time Thursday, 17th July, 2025 at 6.30 pm.

Venue Walton Suite, Guildhall, Winchester and streamed live on

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# **AGENDA**

#### PROCEDURAL ITEMS

1. Apologies

To record the names of apologies given.

### 2. Disclosure of Interests

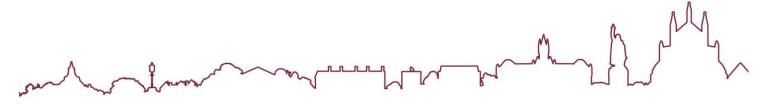
To receive any disclosure of interests from councillors or officers in matters to be discussed.

Note: Councillors are reminded of their obligations to declare disclosable pecuniary interests (DPIs), other registerable interests (ORIs) and non-registerable interests (NRIs) in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

- 3. Appointment of vice-chairperson for 2025/26 municipal year
- 4. Chairperson's announcements

### **BUSINESS ITEMS**

- 5. **To note the Audit & Governance work programme 2025/26** (Pages 5 6)
- 6. Minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 February 2025 (Pages 7 12)



# 7. Public Participation

To receive and note questions asked and statements made from members of the public on matters which fall within the remit of the Committee.

NB members of the public are required to register with Democratic Services three clear working days before the meeting (see below for further details).

Members of the public and visiting councillors may speak at this Committee, provided they have registered to speak three working days in advance. Please contact Democratic Services by 5pm on Friday 11 July 2025 via <a href="mailto:democracy@winchester.gov.uk">democracy@winchester.gov.uk</a> or (01962) 848 264 to register to speak and for further details.

- 8. **External Auditor's report 2023/24 (AG168)** (Pages 13 50)
- 9. **External Audit Plan 2024/25 (AG169)** (Pages 51 100)
- 10. **Treasury management outturn 24/25 (AG166)** (Pages 101 118)
- 11. **Workforce Report 24/25 (AG163)** (Pages 119 136)
- 12. **Annual Internal Audit Conclusion 2024/25 (AG164)** (Pages 137 164)
- 13. Internal Audit Charter and Risk Based Plan 2025/26 (AG165) (Pages 165 204)
- 14. **Q4 Governance monitoring 24/25 (AG160)** (Pages 205 224)
- 15. Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Annual Equality Report 2024/25 (AG161) (Pages 225 246)
- 16. **Annual Governance Statement 24/25 (AG162)** (Pages 247 262)
- 17. **Annual Financial Report 24/25 (AG167)** (Pages 263 378)

Laura Taylor Chief Executive

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## **MEMBERSHIP:**

Councillors

Chairperson: Morris (Liberal Democrats)

**Vice Chairperson:** 

| Conservatives     | Liberal Democrats                          | Green           |
|-------------------|--|-----------------|
| Godfrey           | Brophy<br>Chamberlain<br>Pinniger<br>Power | Bailey-Morgan   |
|                   | <b>Deputy Members</b>                      |                 |
| Conservatives     | Liberal Democrats                          | Green           |
| Bolton and Miller | Aron and Bennett                           | Lee and Wallace |

Quorum = 3 members

#### **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Representations will be limited to a maximum of 3 minutes, subject to a maximum 15 minutes set aside for all questions and answers. To reserve your place to speak, you are asked to **register with Democratic Services three clear working days prior to the meeting** – please see public participation agenda item for further details. People will be invited to speak in the order that they have registered, subject to the maximum time period allowed for speaking not being exceeded. Public Participation is at the Chairperson's discretion.

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