



## Legal and Corporate Services

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

<b>Date:</b> Thursday 16th April, 2026
<b>Time:</b> 1.30 pm
<b>Venue:</b> Mandela Room, Town Hall

### AGENDA

1. Welcome and Evacuation Procedure  
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15. Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

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Tuesday 7 April 2026

#### MEMBERSHIP

Councillors J Ewan (Chair), D Coupe (Vice-Chair), D Branson, I Morrish, M Nugent, G Wilson and L Young

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