

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

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| <b>Date:</b>  | <b>Thursday 3rd September, 2026</b>       |
| <b>Time:</b>  | <b>2.30 pm</b>                            |
| <b>Venue:</b> | <b>Mandela Room - Municipal Buildings</b> |

## AGENDA

### 1. **Welcome and Evacuation Procedure**

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### 2. **Apologies for Absence**

*To receive any apologies for absence.*

### 3. **Declarations of Interest**

*Members are asked to declare any interests in the items under consideration and in doing so state:*

*(1) the type of interest concerned:*

- Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) or*
- Non-Pecuniary Interest (including personal or prejudicial interest)*

*(2) the nature of the interest concerned.*

*If any member requires advice on declarations of interests, they are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.*

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| 4.  | <b>Minutes - Audit Committee - 23 July 2026</b>                                     | 5 - 12  |
|     | <i>To receive the minutes of the previous meeting.</i>                              |         |
| 5.  | <b>Management of Strategic Risk 04 - Unlawful Decision by the Council</b>           | 13 - 22 |
|     | <i>Report to note.</i>                                                              |         |
| 6.  | <b>Draft Annual Review of Effectiveness 2026</b>                                    | 23 - 34 |
|     | <i>Report for decision.</i>                                                         |         |
| 7.  | <b>Performance Management Assurance Report 2026</b>                                 | 35 - 40 |
|     | <i>Report to note.</i>                                                              |         |
| 8.  | <b>Procurement Overview 2025/2026</b>                                               | 41 - 52 |
|     | <i>Report to note.</i>                                                              |         |
| 9.  | <b>Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report</b>                             | 53 - 84 |
|     | <i>Report to note.</i>                                                              |         |
| 10. | <b>Work Programme (Standard Item)</b>                                               | 85 - 86 |
| 11. | <b>Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.</b> |         |

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Tuesday 25 August 2026

MEMBERSHIP

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

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