Legal and Governance



## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Thursday 14th March, 2024 Time: 2.00 pm Venue: Mandela Room

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- 1. Welcome and Evacuation Procedure
- 2. Apologies for Absence
- 3. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

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- 13.Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Progress Report115 162
- 14. Any other urgent items which in the opinion of the Chair, may be considered.

Charlotte Benjamin Director of Legal and Governance Services

Town Hall Middlesbrough Wednesday 6 March 2024

## MEMBERSHIP

Councillors J Ewan (Chair), J Kabuye (Vice-Chair), I Blades, D Coupe, B Hubbard, S Platt and M Storey

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