

## AUDIT COMMITTEE

<b>Date:</b> Thursday, 22 August 2024
<b>Time:</b> 1.30 p.m.
<b>Venue:</b> Mandela Room, Town Hall

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Evacuation Procedure  
  
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2. Apologies for Absence
3. Declarations of Interest  
  
To receive any declarations of interest.
4. Minutes - Audit Committee - 25 July 2024 3 - 14
5. Annual Complaints and Compliments Report 2023-2024 15 - 26
6. Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) Letter on Action to Tackle the Local Audit Backlog in England 27 - 28
7. Ernst & Young Update on Audits for 2021/22 and 2022/23 - Verbal Report
8. Forvis Mazars - Audit Progress Report 2023/24 29 - 48
9. Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit and Annual Counter Fraud Report 49 - 80
10. Best Value Notice - Status Update 81 - 82
11. Progress Against the Corporate Governance Improvement Plan and the Section 24 Report 83 - 94
12. 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, 14 August 2024

MEMBERSHIP

Councillors J Ewan (Chair), B Hubbard (Vice-Chair), I Blades, D Branson, D Coupe,  
G Wilson and L Young

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