



Audit and Risk Management Committee

Date:	Tuesday, 24 October 2023
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	Committee Room 1 - Birkenhead Town Hall

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AGENDA

- 1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION**
- 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 3. MEMBERS' CODE OF CONDUCT - DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are asked to consider whether they have any disclosable pecuniary interests and/or any other relevant interest in connection with any item(s) on this agenda and, if so, to declare them and state the nature of the interest.

- 4. MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)**

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023.

- 5. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS**

Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your question/statement by the deadline for submission.

5.1 Public Questions

Notice of question to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Thursday 19 October 2023 to the Council's Monitoring Officer via this link: [Public Question Form](#) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10.

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Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your question by the deadline for submission.

5.2 Statements and petitions

Notice of representations to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Thursday 19 October 2023 to the Council's Monitoring Officer (committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 11.1.

Petitions may be presented to the Committee if provided to Democratic and Member Services no later than 10 working days before the meeting, at the discretion of the Chair. The person presenting the petition will be allowed to address the meeting briefly (not exceeding three minute) to outline the aims of the petition. The Chair will refer the matter to another appropriate body of the Council within whose terms of reference it falls without discussion, unless a relevant item appears elsewhere on the Agenda. If a petition contains more than 5,000 signatures, it will be debated at a subsequent meeting of Council for up to 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Mayor.

Please telephone the Committee Services Officer if you have not received an acknowledgement of your statement/petition by the deadline for submission.

5.3 Questions by Members

Questions by Members to dealt with in accordance with Standing Orders 12.3 to 12.8.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT (Pages 7 - 18)

7. INTERNAL AUDIT COUNTER FRAUD REPORT (Pages 19 - 26)

8. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Pages 27 - 38)

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9. 2021/22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR WIRRAL COUNCIL, MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (Pages 39 - 304)

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10. WEST KIRBY FLOOD ALLEVIATION SCHEME - CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT PROCUREMENT AND PROJECT COSTS (Pages 305 - 358)

11. PROCUREMENT UPDATE - NO PO NO PAY (Pages 359 - 366)

12. UPDATE ON EXTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS 2020-21 (Pages 367 - 494)

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13. EXEMPT INFORMATION - EXCLUSION OF MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

The public may be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information.

RECOMMENDATION – That, under section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by paragraph 3 of Part I of Schedule 12A (as amended) to that Act. The Public Interest test has been applied and favours exclusion.

14. ACCOUNTING AND GOVERNANCE OF COMPANIES, COMPLEX ARRANGEMENTS AND UPDATE ON EXTERNAL AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS 2020-21 (Pages 495 - 528)

Terms of Reference

The terms of reference for this committee can be found at the end of this agenda.