

# **Audit and Risk Management Committee**

Date: Tuesday, 26 March 2024

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 - 4)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024.

5. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS

#### 5.1 Public Questions

Notice of question to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Thursday 21 March 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

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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 5 20)
- 7. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Pages 21 66)
- 8. REGENERATION AND PLACE RISK MANAGEMENT (Pages 67 80)
- 9. EXTERNAL ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 81 144)

- 10. ANNUAL UPDATE OF WHISTLEBLOWING CONCERNS RAISED IN THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2023/24 (Pages 145 150)
- 11. ANNUAL UPDATE OF USE OF SURVEILLANCE POWERS UNDER THE REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 (RIPA) (Pages 151 156)
- 12. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 157 164)

### **Terms of Reference**

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