



Audit and Risk Management Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 31 July 2024
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	Committee Room 1 - Wallasey 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 26 March 2024.

- 5. PUBLIC AND MEMBER QUESTIONS**

5.1 Public Questions

Notice of question to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, Friday 26 July to the Council's Monitoring Officer (via the online form here: [Public Question Form](#)) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10.

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5.2 Statements and petitions

Statements

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Petitions

Petitions may be presented to the Committee if provided to Democratic and Member Services no later than 12 noon, Friday 26 July 2024, 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 the Council for up to 15 minutes, at the discretion of the Chair. Please give notice of petitions to committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk in advance of the meeting.

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5.3 Questions by Members

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

6. CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2023-24 (Pages 7 - 40)

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7. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN 2024-25 (Pages 41 - 68)

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8. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Pages 69 - 78)

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9. DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR 2023/24 (Pages 79 - 394)

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10. WIRRAL COUNCIL EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND UPDATE, AND PUBLIC SECTOR UPDATE 2023/24 (Pages 395 - 448)

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11. MERSEYSIDE PENSION FUND EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24 (Pages 449 - 478)

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12. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 479 - 486)

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