

# **Audit and Risk Management Committee**

Date:	Wednesday, 26 October 2022
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	Wallasey Town Hall – Committee Room 1
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Please note that public seating is limited therefore members of the public are encouraged to arrive in good time.

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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 - 2)

To approve the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday  $20^{th}$  July 2022

# 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, Friday 21st October to the Council's Monitoring Officer (committeeservices@wirral.gov.uk) and to be dealt with in accordance with Standing Order 10

#### 5.2 Statements and petitions

Notice of representations to be given in writing or by email by 12 noon, 21<sup>st</sup> October 2022 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 3 - 36)

# 7. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL COUNTER FRAUD REPORT (Pages 37 - 44)

## 8. CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE (Pages 45 - 54)

The information contained within the appendix of this report may not be suitable to view for people with disabilities, users of assistive technology or mobile phone devices. Please contact josephdhenin@wirral.gov.uk if you would like this document in an accessible format.

#### 9. DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS UPDATE, DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE ASSESSMENT FOR 2021/22 (Pages 55 - 328)

- 10. CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 2022 (Pages 329 344)
- 11. ICT CONTINUITY CONTROLS (Pages 345 350)
- 12. ASSURANCE ON REGENERATION SCHEMES (Pages 351 356)

#### 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. ASSURANCE ON REGENERATION SCHEMES EXEMPT APPENDIX (Pages 357 - 360)

#### **Terms of Reference**

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