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# AUDIT COMMITTEE

| DATE:  | Thursday, 31 March 2022  |
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| TIME:  | 10.30 am   |
| VENUE: | Committee Room - Town Hall,<br>Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15<br>1SE |

#### MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Coley (Chairman) Councillor Alexander (Vice-Chairman) Councillor Fairley Councillor King Councillor Miles Councillor Placey Councillor Steady

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# AGENDA

### 1 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

The Committee is asked to note any apologies for absence and substitutions received from Members.

### 2 <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> (Pages 1 - 4)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on Thursday 27 January 2022.

### 3 <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests or Personal Interest, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.

# 4 Questions on Notice pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 38

Subject to providing two working days' notice, a Member of the Committee may ask the Chairman of the Committee a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties which affect the Tendring District **and** which falls within the terms of reference of the Committee.

# 5 <u>Report of the Internal Audit Manager - A.1 - Internal Audit Plan 2022/2023</u> (Pages 5 - 18)

To seek the approval of the Audit Committee for the 2022/2023 Internal Audit Plan.

### 6 <u>Report of Assistant Director (Partnerships) - A.2 - Response to Report of Ofsted</u> <u>following Inspection of Career Track</u> (Pages 19 - 62)

To provide the Audit Committee with an overview of the organisation's improvement actions following the Ofsted inspection of Career Track between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November 2021.

# 7 <u>Report of Assistant Director (Partnerships) - A.3 - Tendring Careline: Recovery</u> <u>after Improvement Notice from TEC Services Association</u> (Pages 63 - 76)

To inform the Audit Committee of the recovery actions taken by Tendring Careline after an improvement notice was issued by the TEC Services Association at its last audit of the service.

### 8 <u>Report of Assistant Director (Finance & IT) - A.4 - Audit Committee Work</u> <u>Programme for 2022/2023</u> (Pages 77 - 84)

To present for approval the Audit Committee's proposed work programme covering the period April 2022 to March 2023.

# 9 <u>Report of Assistant Director (Finance & IT) - A.5 - Corporate Risk Update</u> (Pages 85 - 130)

To present to the Audit Committee the updated Corporate Risk Register.

### 10 Exclusion of Press and Public

The Committee is requested to consider passing the following resolution:-

"That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Agenda Item 11 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 7 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A, as amended, of the Act."

#### 11 <u>Report of Assistant Director (Finance & IT) - B.1 - Risk Based Verification Policy</u> (Pages 131 - 140)

To seek the necessary annual approval of the Council's Risk Based Verification Policy.

# Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee is to be held in the Committee Room - Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 10.30 am on Monday, 25 April 2022.

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