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AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE: Thursday, 25 January 2024

TIME: 10.30 am

VENUE: Committee Room - Town Hall,

Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15

1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Sudra (Chairman)
Councillor Fairley
Councillor Morrison

Councillor Platt Councillor Steady

AGENDA

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AGENDA

1 Election of the Vice-Chairman of the Committee

The Committee is required to elect, from amongst its appointed membership, the Vice-Chairman of the Committee to serve in that office for the remainder of the 2023/2024 Municipal Year.

NOTE:

The office of Vice-Chairman of the Audit Committee is currently vacant due to the fact that Ian Lennard, the previous Vice-Chairman, is no longer a serving member of Tendring District Council following his resignation from the office of Councillor.

2 Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

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

3 <u>Minutes of the Last Meeting</u> (Pages 1 - 10)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on Thursday, 5 October 2023.

4 Declarations of Interest

Councillors are invited to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registerable Interests of Non-Registerable Interests, and the nature of it, in relation to any item on the agenda.

5 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.

6 Report of the Internal Audit Manager - A.1 - Report on Internal Audit (Pages 11 - 26)

To provide the Committee with a periodic report on the Internal Audit function for the period September 2023 – December 2023, as required by the professional standards.

7 Report of the Assistant Director (Finance & IT) - A.2 - Table of Outstanding Issues (Pages 27 - 38)

To present to the Committee the progress on outstanding actions identified by the Committee along with general updates on other issues that fall within the responsibilities of the Committee.

8 Report of the Assurance and Resilience Manager - A.3 - Anti Fraud and Corruption Strategy (REPORT TO FOLLOW)

To present to the Audit Committee an updated Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy.

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 Thursday, 21 March 2024.

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