



AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE:	Thursday, 25 June 2026
TIME:	10.30 am
VENUE:	Committee Room, Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE

MEMBERSHIP:

Councillor Sudra (Chairman)
Councillor Steady (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor Fairley
Councillor Keteca

Councillor Morrison
Councillor Placey
Councillor Platt

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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 Minutes of the Last Meeting (Pages 7 - 24)

To confirm and sign as a correct record, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on

3 Declarations of Interest

Resources and Services

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 Report of the External Auditors - A.1 - Plan and Strategy 2025/26 (Pages 25 - 58)

To present for consideration the External Auditor's Draft Audit Plan and Strategy for the year ending 31 March 2026.

6 Report of the Internal Audit Manager - A.2 - Report on Internal Audit (Pages 59 - 82)

To provide a periodic report on the Internal Audit function for the period March 2026 – May 2026 and the Head of Internal Audit Annual Report for 2025/26 as required by the professional standards.

7 Report of the Corporate Director (Finance & IT) - A.3 - Corporate Approach to Risk Management Including the Current Risk Register (Pages 83 - 150)

To present for consideration a proposed revised approach to the Council's Corporate Risk Register as part of its wider assurance framework, along with providing a timely update against the existing Risk Register.

8 Report of the Assistant Director (Corporate Policy & Support) - A.4 - Annual Letter to the Council from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (Pages 151 - 158)

To provide the Committee with the most recent annual letter to the Council from the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO). The letter relates to complaints processed by the LGSCO in the financial year 2025/26. The submission of the annual letter builds on the established practice of reporting to this Committee and, thereby, extends awareness of such complaints and the opportunity (more generally) for learning by the Council from complaints.

9 Report of the Assistant Director (Finance & IT) - A.5 - Table of Outstanding Issues
(Pages 159 - 218)

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.

Date of the Next Scheduled Meeting

The next scheduled meeting of the Audit Committee is to be held in the Town Hall, Station Road, Clacton-on-Sea, CO15 1SE at 10.30 am on Thursday, 24 September 2026.

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