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AUDIT AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

You are summoned to a meeting of the Audit and General Purposes Committee which will be held in the Council Chamber, Woodgreen, Witney OX28 1NB on **Thursday, 17 February 2022 at 6.00 pm.**



Giles Hughes
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Audit and General Purposes Committee

Councillors: Alex Postan (Chairman), Dan Levy (Vice-Chair), Jake Acock, Joy Aitman, Luci Ashbourne, Andrew Beaney, Julian Cooper, Rupert Dent, Colin Dingwall, Harry Eaglestone, Duncan Enright, Gill Hill, Richard Langridge, Martin McBride, Elizabeth Poskitt, Harry St John and Alex Wilson.

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AGENDA

1. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (Pages 5 - 8)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2021.
2. **Apologies for Absence**
To receive any apologies for absence.
3. **Declarations of Interest**
To receive any declarations from Members of the Committee on any items to be considered at the meeting
4. **Participation of the Public**
To receive any submissions from members of the public, in accordance with the Council's Rules of Procedure.
5. **External Audit Contract (Pages 9 - 30)**
Purpose
To consider the options for procuring the Council's external audit services for the period from 2023/24 and to make a recommendation to the Council.

Recommendation
 - a) That the committee considers the options for procuring the Council's external audit service for the period from 2023/24; and
 - b) Recommends to Council procurement through the National Procurement Framework using Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd.
6. **Annual Governance Statement - Action Plan (Pages 31 - 38)**
Purpose
This report presents an update on the Governance Action Plan for 2021/22.

Recommendation
To note progress against items in the Governance Action Plan for 2021/22.
7. **Corporate Risk Register Updates and Updated Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy (Pages 39 - 80)**
Purpose
To update the Committee on the changes to the Council's corporate risk register at the end of Quarter Two of 2020/21 and put before members a revised Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy for approval.

Recommendations
 - (a) That the corporate risk register be noted; and
 - (b) That the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy at Annex B be approved.

8. **Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 81 - 102)**

Purpose

To present a summary of the audit work concluded since the last meeting of this Committee.

Recommendation

That the Committee considers the report at Annex A and comments as necessary.