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DIRECTOR OF STRATEGY AND RESOURCES
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**Dear Councillor** 

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the;

#### PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

on THURSDAY 18 JULY 2024 at 7.30 pm

in the Council Chamber, Maldon District Council Offices, Princes Road, Maldon.

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A copy of the agenda is attached.

Yours faithfully

Director of Strategy and Resources

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** 

CHAIRPERSON Councillor W Stamp, CC VICE-CHAIRPERSON Councillor N D Spenceley

COUNCILLORS M G Bassenger

S J Burwood J C Hughes N R Miller R G Pratt

U C G Siddall-Norman

J C Stilts

M E Thompson

INDEPENDENT PERSON Vacancy(one)







## AGENDA PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### **THURSDAY 18 JULY 2024**

## 1. Chairperson's Notices

## 2. **Apologies for Absence**

## 3. Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 5 - 26)

To confirm the Minutes of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee held on 18 June 2024 (copy enclosed).

## 4. Matters Arising (Pages 27 - 34)

To note the Matters Arising from the last meeting.

#### 5. **Disclosure of Interest**

To disclose the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests, Other Registrable interests and Non-Registrable Interests relating to items of business on the agenda having regard to paragraph 9 and Appendix B of the Code of Conduct for Members.

(Members are reminded that they are also required to disclose any such interests as soon as they become aware should the need arise throughout the meeting).

### 6. **Public Participation**

To receive the views of members of the public, of which prior notification in writing has been received (no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to the day of the meeting).

Should you wish to submit a question please complete the online form at: <a href="https://www.maldon.gov.uk/publicparticipation">www.maldon.gov.uk/publicparticipation</a>.

## 7. **External Audit Progress Report** (Pages 35 - 40)

To consider the report of the Interim Chief Finance Officer (copy enclosed).

## 8. Internal Audit Report (Pages 41 - 42)

To consider the report of the Interim Chief Finance Officer, (copy enclosed).

- a) Annual Report and Annual Statement of Assurance (Pages 43 66)
- b) Progress Report (Pages 67 78)
- c) Follow-Up of Recommendations (Pages 79 88)
- d) Main Financial Systems 2023 / 24 (Pages 89 102)
- e) <u>CIPFA Financial Management Code 2023 / 24</u> (Pages 103 116)

# 9. Any other items of business that the Chairperson of the Committee decides are urgent

## 10. **Exclusion of Public and Press**

11 To resolve that under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act, and that this satisfies the public interest test.

#### 11. internal Audit - Strategic Fraud Risk Assessment (Pages 117 - 148)

To consider the report of the Interim Chief Finance Officer (copy enclosed).

#### **NOTICES**

## **Recording of Meeting**

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