

APOLOGIES Committee Services

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CHIEF EXECUTIVE Doug Wilkinson

12 February 2025

**Dear Councillor** 

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the;

## PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

on THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025 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

Chief Executive

**COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:** 

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

COUNCILLORS M G Bassenger

> S J Burwood J C Hughes R G Pratt

U C G Siddall-Norman

J C Stilts

M E Thompson Vacancy(one)

INDEPENDENT PERSON

(non-voting)

Mr Derek Smith







# AGENDA PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### **THURSDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2025**

### 1. Chairperson's Notices

### 2. **Apologies for Absence**

## 3. Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 5 - 34)

To confirm the Minutes of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee held on 16 January 2025 (copy enclosed).

## 4. <u>Matters Arising</u> (Pages 35 - 38)

To note the Matters Arising from the last meeting of the Committee – 16 January 2025.

### 5. <u>Disclosure of Interest</u>

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: www.maldon.gov.uk/publicparticipation.

# Report of the External Auditor on the Audit of Financial Year 2023 / 24 (Pages 39 - 130)

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

## 8. <u>Internal Audit Report</u> (Pages 131 - 132)

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

- a) Progress Report 2024 / 25 (February 2025) (Pages 133 144)
- b) Follow-Up of Recommendations Report (February 2025) (Pages 145 152)
- c) <u>Capital and Commercial Project Management Final Report (January 2025)</u> (Pages 153 - 174)

- d) Contract Management Final Report (January 2025) (Pages 175 188)
- e) <u>Health and Wellbeing 2024 / 25 Final Report (January 2025)</u> (Pages 189 204)
- f) <u>Internal Audit Annual Plan 2025 / 26 and Strategic Plan 2023 26</u> (Pages 205 230)
- 9. Corporate Performance Quarter 3 (Pages 231 272)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).

10. Review of Corporate Risk - Quarter 3 (Pages 273 - 282)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).

11. Health and Safety Update - Quarter Three 2024 / 25 (Pages 283 - 290)

To consider the report of the Deputy Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).

12. **Balance Scorecard Exceptions (July - December 2024)** (Pages 291 - 314)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).

13. **Annual Governance Statement Actions Update** (Pages 315 - 318)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).

14. **Annual Governance Statement 2024 / 25** (Pages 319 - 334)

To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).

15. **Annual Review of Financial Regulations** (Pages 335 - 396)

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

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

### **NOTICES**

### **Recording of Meeting**

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