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Dear Councillor

You are summoned to attend the meeting of the;

PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

on **THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026 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

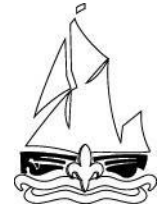
Chief Executive

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP:

CHAIRPERSON	Councillor W Stamp, CC
VICE-CHAIRPERSON	Councillor M G Neall
COUNCILLORS	D O Bown S Dodsley J C Hughes R G Pratt R H Siddall U G C Siddall-Norman N D Spenceley M E Thompson
INDEPENDENT PERSON (non-voting)	Mr Derek Smith

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**AGENDA
PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

THURSDAY 4 JUNE 2026

1. **Chairperson's Notices**

2. **Apologies for Absence**

3. **Minutes of the last meeting** (Pages 5 - 18)

To confirm the Minutes of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee held on 12 March 2026 (copy enclosed).

4. **Matters Arising** (Pages 19 - 20)

To note the matters arising from the last meeting of the Committee (copy enclosed).

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:
www.maldon.gov.uk/publicparticipation.

7. **Reappointment of Independent Person to the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee**

Following the Council decision on 11 July 2024 (Minute No. 165 refers), the Committee is required to complete an annual review of the Independent Person (Mr Derek Smith) and then either reconfirm the postholder, or recruit into the role delegated to the Committee for the Municipal Year 2026 / 27.

8. **Plan for the Audit of the Accounts for the Financial Year 2025 / 26** (Pages 21 - 56)

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

9. **Internal Audit Report** (Pages 57 - 58)
To consider the report of the Director of Finance (copy enclosed).
 - a) **Internal Audit Plan 2026 / 27** (Pages 59 - 94)
 10. **Council Constitution - Scheme of Delegation to Officers - Environmental Health Powers and Duties - Update** (Pages 95 - 96)
To consider the report of the Director of Legal and Governance, (copy enclosed).
 11. **Appointment of Representatives on Outside Bodies and Working Groups** (Pages 97 - 98)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).
 12. **Balanced Scorecard Exceptions Report** (Pages 99 - 120)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).
 13. **Annual Governance Statement Actions Update** (Pages 121 - 124)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).
 14. **Review of Corporate Risk - Quarter 4** (Pages 125 - 134)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).
 15. **Corporate Performance - Quarter 4** (Pages 135 - 170)
To consider the report of the Chief Executive, (copy enclosed).
 16. **Health and Safety Update - Quarter Four 2025 / 26** (Pages 171 - 182)
To consider the report of the Director of Neighbourhood Services and Communities (copy enclosed).
 17. **2026 Biodiversity Duty Report** (Pages 183 - 200)
To consider the report of the Director of Place, Planning and Growth, (copy enclosed).
 18. **UK Shared and Rural England Prosperity Funds** (Pages 201 - 238)
To consider the report of the Director of Strategy and Improvement, (copy enclosed) and receive a presentation on the Her Place, Burnham-on-Crouch project (copy enclosed).
 19. **Officer Member Protocol** (Pages 239 - 264)
To consider the report of the Performance, Governance and Audit Committee Working Group, (copy enclosed).
 20. **Any other items of business that the Chairperson of the Committee decides are urgent**
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