

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**for the meeting on**  
**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 10.30 a.m.**  
**Grimsby Town Hall**

<b>1.</b>	<b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b>  To record any apologies for absence.	-
<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b>  To record any declarations of interest by any Member of the Committee in respect of items on this agenda.  Members declaring interests must identify the agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.	-
<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Minutes</u></b>  To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (copy attached).	<b>9</b>
<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Tracking of Recommendations</u></b>  To receive a report from the Executive Director for Place and Resources on tracking the recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee (copy attached).	<b>19</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b><u>Draft Annual Governance Statement</u></b>  To receive a report from the Assistant Director Law and Governance that lays out the Council's governance framework, how it obtains assurance that the governance framework is operating as intended, and (where applicable) those areas for further focus in 2025/26, (copy attached).	<b>21</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>Head of Internal Audit Report and Opinion</u></b>  To receive a report from the Head of Internal Audit that provides an annual report and opinion for the Audit and Governance Committee, timed to support the Annual Governance Statement, (copy attached).	<b>41</b>
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>Risk Management Annual Report</u></b>  To receive a report from the Assistant Director Law and Governance that provides the Audit and Governance Committee with an overview of the Council's risk management activities during 2024/25, (copy attached).	<b>67</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b><u>CIPFA Code of Financial Governance</u></b>  To receive a report from the Section 151 Officer that outlines how the Council meets the requirements of the Code, (copy attached).	<b>71</b>

<b>9.</b>	<b><u>Treasury Management 2024-25 Out-turn</u></b>  To receive a report from the Section 151 Officer that contains details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the 2024/25 financial year, (copy attached).	<b>81</b>
<b>10.</b>	<b><u>2025/26 Internal Audit Plan</u></b>  To receive a report from the Head of Audit and Assurance that provides assurance to the Audit and Governance Committee that the 2025/26 Internal Audit Plan was compiled in line with the standards, (copy attached).	<b>107</b>
<b>11.</b>	<b><u>External Audit Strategy Memorandum 2024/25</u></b>  To receive the Audit Strategy Memorandum for North East Lincolnshire Council for the year ending 31 March 2025, (copy attached).	<b>147</b>
<b>12.</b>	<b><u>Audit Progress Report</u></b>  To receive a report that provides the Audit and Governance Committee with information about progress in delivering our responsibilities as the Council's external auditors, (copy attached).	<b>183</b>
<b>13.</b>	<b><u>Governance arrangements for the Combined Authority</u></b>  To receive a presentation on the above.	<b>-</b>
<b>14.</b>	<b><u>Exclusion of the Press and public</u></b>  To consider requesting the press and public to leave on the grounds that Appendix A is likely to disclose exempt information within the relevant paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	<b>-</b>
<b>15.</b>	<b><u>Leisure Partnership update</u></b>  To receive a presentation on the above.	<b>-</b>
<b>16.</b>	<b><u>Strategic Risk Register</u></b>  To receive a report from the Assistant Director Law and Governance that provides the Audit and Governance Committee with the Strategic Risk Register as of 4 July 2025, (copy attached).	<b>207</b>
<b>17.</b>	<b><u>Issues for Discussion with the Internal and External Auditors</u></b>  To provide an opportunity, at the close of this meeting, to discuss any confidential matters of concern with the External Auditor and the Head of Internal Audit.	<b>-</b>
<b>18.</b>	<b><u>Urgent Business</u></b>  To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.	<b>-</b>

**SHARON WROOT**

**INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**