

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 16th April 2026 at 9.30 a.m.
Grimsby Town Hall

1.	<u>Apologies for Absence</u> To record any apologies for absence.	-
2.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> 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.	-
3	<u>Minutes</u> To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 29 th January 2026 (copy attached).	9
4.	<u>Tracking of Recommendations</u> To receive a report tracking the recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee (copy attached).	19
5.	<u>Referral from Audit Working Group:-</u> To receive the below referral for agreement by the committee:- That presentations provided to the Audit Working Group in relation to Internal Reports should include an update on the status of all actions within the report.	
6.	<u>External Audit Progress Report.</u> To receive the above from the Council's external auditors (copy attached).	21
7.	<u>Internal Audit Update including Audit Plan 2026/27</u> To consider a report from the Head of Internal Audit that provides the Audit and Governance Committee with an update of Internal Audit work (copy attached).	33
8.	<u>Annual Fraud Report</u> To consider a report from the Assistant Director Law and Governance on the prevention and detection of fraud, corruption and financial misconduct within North East Lincolnshire Council for the period April 2025 to March 2026 (copy attached).	77

<p>9.</p>	<p><u>Annual Information Governance and Security Report</u></p> <p>To receive a report from the Assistant Director Policy Strategy & Resources providing the annual information governance and security report for the 2025 calendar year for approval (copy attached).</p>	<p>97</p>
<p>10.</p>	<p><u>Annual Value For Money Report</u></p> <p>To consider a report from the Interim Section 151 Officer seeking to provide assurance on the effectiveness of the Council's Value for Money arrangements (copy attached).</p>	<p>105</p>
<p>11.</p>	<p><u>Annual Procurement Report</u></p> <p>To receive a report from the Assistant Director Policy Strategy & Resources outlining the key procurement activities undertaken by the Council during the calendar year 2025 (copy attached).</p>	<p>115</p>
<p>12.</p>	<p><u>Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2025/26</u></p> <p>To consider a report presenting the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee prior to it being reported to Full Council (copy attached).</p>	<p>125</p>
<p>13.</p>	<p><u>Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme 2026/27</u></p> <p>To consider a report presenting the committee's proposed Work Programme for 2026-27 for approval (copy attached).</p>	<p>145</p>
<p>14.</p>	<p><u>Urgent Business</u></p> <p>To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.</p>	
<p>15.</p>	<p><u>Exclusion of the Press and public</u></p> <p>To consider requesting the press and public to leave on the grounds that the below business is likely to disclose exempt information within the relevant paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).</p>	<p>-</p>
<p>16.</p>	<p><u>Strategic Risk Register</u></p> <p>To receive a report from the Assistant Director Law and Governance that provides the Strategic Risk Register as at 2nd April 2026 (copy attached).</p>	<p>153</p>

17.	<u>Issues for Discussion with the Internal and External Auditors</u> 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.	-
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CHIEF EXECUTIVE