

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA**  
**for the meeting on**  
**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026 at 10.30 a.m.**  
**Grimsby Town Hall**

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| 1. | <b><u>Apologies for Absence</u></b><br><br>To record any apologies for absence.  | -  |
| 2. | <b><u>Declarations of Interest</u></b><br><br>To record any declarations of interest by any Member of the Committee in respect of items on this agenda.<br><br>Members declaring interests must identify the agenda item and the type and detail of the interest declared.   | -  |
| 3  | <b><u>Minutes</u></b><br><br>To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 23 <sup>rd</sup> October and 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2025 (copies attached).   | 7  |
| 4. | <b><u>Tracking of Recommendations</u></b><br><br>To receive a report tracking the recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee (copy attached).   | 19 |
| 5. | <b><u>Code of Governance and Annual Governance Statement 2024-25 update</u></b><br><br>To receive a report from the Assistant Director Law and Governance on a revised Code of Governance which takes account of any changes to the Council's governance arrangements since it was previously approved in January 2025, (copy attached). | 21 |
| 6. | <b><u>Statement of Accounts and Accounting Policies</u></b><br><br>To consider a report from the Interim Section 151 Officer seeking approval of the accounting policies to be used in completing the 2025/2026 Statement of Accounts. (copy attached).  | 51 |
| 7. | <b><u>Internal Audit Interim Report</u></b><br><br>To consider a report from the Head of Internal Audit which summarises the results of Internal Audit work in relation to the 2025/26 Internal Audit Plan up to 31 December 2025, (copy attached).  | 69 |
| 8. | <b><u>Follow Up Letter to the Audit Completion Report 2024/25</u></b><br><br>To receive the external auditor's Follow Up Letter to the Audit Completion Report 2024/25, (copy attached).   | 83 |
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| 9.  | <b><u>Auditor's Annual Report 2024/25</u></b><br><br>To receive the external auditor's Annual Report 2024/25 (copy attached).  | 87  |
| 10. | <b><u>Treasury Management Policy and Strategy Statement 2026-27</u></b><br><br>To consider a report from the Interim Section 151 Officer which presents the restated Treasury Policy Statement and the Treasury Management Strategy Statement (TMSS), (copy attached).             | 121 |
| 11. | <b><u>2026/27 Treasury Management Practices</u></b><br><br>To consider a report from the Interim Section 151 Officer seeking approval of the Treasury Management Practices 1 and any other listed amendments to other Practices, (copy attached).                                  | 169 |
| 12. | <b><u>Partnership Protocol: 2026 Review</u></b><br><br>To receive a report from the Assistant Director Law and Governance seeking approval of the refreshed Partnership Protocol, (copy attached).   | 185 |
| 13. | <b><u>Exclusion of the Press and public</u></b><br><br>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). | -   |
| 14. | <b><u>Urgent Business</u></b><br><br>To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.   | -   |
| 15. | <b><u>Issues for Discussion with the Internal and External Auditors</u></b><br><br>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.                               | -   |

**SHARON WROOT**

**INTERIM CHIEF EXECUTIVE**