AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE AGENDA
for the meeting on
Thursday 16th July 2026 at 10.30 a.m.
Grimsby Town Hall

1.	**Apologies for Absence** To record any apologies for absence.	**-**
2.	**Declarations of Interest** 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	**Minutes** To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 15th April 2026 (copy attached).	**7**
4.	**Tracking of Recommendations** To receive a report tracking the recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee (copy attached).	**19**
5.	**Head of Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion** To consider a report from the Head of Internal Audit that provides an annual report and opinion for the Audit and Governance Committee, (copy attached).	**21**
6.	**Internal Audit Quality and Assurance and Improvement Programme** To consider a report from the Head of Internal Audit that sets out the Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme for 2026/27, (copy attached).	**47**
7.	**Risk Management Annual Report 2025/26** 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 2025/26,(copy attached).	**59**
8.	**CIPFA Financial Management Code of Practice** To consider a report from the Section 151 Officer which sets out the standards of financial management for local government bodies, (copy attached).	**69**
9.	**Annual Governance Statement 2025/26** 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	**79**

	governance framework is operating as intended, and (where applicable) those areas for further focus in 2026/27, (copy attached).	
10.	**<u>Treasury Outturn 2025/26</u>** To consider a report from the Section 151 Officer which contains details of treasury management arrangements, activity and performance during the 2025-26 financial year, (copy attached).	**99**
11.	**<u>External Audit Strategy Memorandum</u>** To receive a report on the above from the Council's External Auditors, (copy attached).	**145**
12.	**<u>Exclusion of the Press and public</u>** 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 paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).	**-**
13.	**<u>Urgent Business</u>** To receive any business which, in the opinion of the Chairman, is urgent by reason of special circumstances which must be stated and minuted.	**-**
14.	**<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 Audit and Assurance.	**-**

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