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TO MEMBERS OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee on
Monday, 29th January, 2024 at 6.30 pm
in the Committee Room, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston PE21 8QR

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Membership:

Chairman: Councillor Barrie Pierpoint
Vice Chairman: Councillor Anton Dani
Councillors Jyothi Arayambath, Richard Austin BEM,
James Cantwell, Mike Gilbert, Paul Gleeson, David Middleton,
Chris Mountain, Lina Savickiene, David Scoot and
Miss Jo Brigham (Co-opted Independent Member)

A G E N D A

PART I - PRELIMINARIES

A APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

B MINUTES (Pages 1 - 6)

To sign and confirm the minutes of the last meeting.

C DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive declarations of interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

D PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To answer any written questions received from members of the public no later than 5 p.m. two clear working days prior to the meeting – for this meeting the deadline is 5 p.m. on Wednesday 24th January 2024.

PART II - AGENDA ITEMS

- 1 DRAFT BUDGET REPORT 2024/25-2028/29 (Pages 7 - 44)

(A report of Christine Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive – Corporate Development & Section 151 Officer)
- 2 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY AND DRAFT TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY STATEMENT, MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2024/25 (Pages 45 - 90)

(A report of Christine Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive – Corporate Development & Section 151 Officer)
- 3 APPROVAL OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2021/22 (Pages 91 - 212)

(A report of Christine Marshall, Deputy Chief Executive – Corporate Development & Section 151 Officer)
- 4 EXTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 (Pages 213 - 240)

(A report from the Council’s External Auditor, Mazars)
- 5 EXTERNAL AUDIT COMPLETION REPORT 2021/22 - FOLLOW UP LETTER (Pages 241 - 246)

(Correspondence from the Council’s External Auditor, Mazars)
- 6 EXTERNAL AUDIT - VERBAL PROGRESS UPDATE 2022/23

(A verbal update from the Council’s External Auditor, Mazars)
- 7 INFORMATION GOVERNANCE ANNUAL UPDATE (Pages 247 - 254)

(A report of Richard Steele, Group Information Manager and Data Protection Officer)
- 8 WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 255 - 256)

(For Members to consider the Committee’s work programme.)

Notes:

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