

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD AT CIVIC SUITE 2,
BROCKS HILL COUNCIL OFFICES, WASHBROOK LANE, OADBY, LEICESTER, LE2 5JJ ON
THURSDAY, 17 JULY 2025 COMMENCING AT 6.00 PM**

PRESENT

K J Loydall Chair



Meeting ID: 2896

COUNCILLORS

G A Boulter
J K Ford
C S Gore
I K Ridley

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

R Anderson	External Auditor
S J Ball	Legal & Democratic Services Manager / Monitoring Officer (Solicitor)
K Robson	Democratic & Electoral Services Officer
C Warren	Chief Finance Officer / Section 151 Officer

45. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

An apology for absence was received from Councillors S Z Haq and J Kaufman.

46. APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES

None.

47. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

48. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9 April 2025 be taken as read, confirmed and approved.

49. ACTION LIST ARISING FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

There was no Action List arising from the previous meeting.

50. PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

None.

51. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION (2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 7-17 of the agenda reports pack) which provided the committee with the Internal Auditors Annual Report and Opinion for 2024/25.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix 1 be noted.

52. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (JULY 2025)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendices (as set out at pages 18-30 of the agenda reports pack) which presented a summary of the audit work concluded since the last meeting of this Committee.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendices be noted.

53. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 31-51 of the agenda reports pack) which presented the External Audit Progress Plan for 2024/25

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and appendix be noted.

54. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 52-93 of the agenda reports pack) which presented the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25 be approved.

55. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER UPDATE (Q4 2024/25)

The Committee gave consideration to the report and appendix (as set out at pages 94-101 of the agenda reports pack) which presented the latest Strategic Risk Register to

Committee for information.

By affirmation of the meeting, it was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED THAT:

The content of the report and the Strategic Risk Register, as set out in Appendix 1, be considered and noted.

THE MEETING CLOSED AT 6.30 pm