



# Audit, Governance & Standards Committee

Thu 24 Jul  
2025  
7.00 pm

 **Redditch**  
Borough Council  
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Oakenshaw Community Centre,  
Castleditch Lane, Redditch, B98 7YB

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### **PUBLIC SPEAKING**

The usual process for public speaking at Committee meetings will continue to be followed subject to some adjustments which allow written statements to be read out on behalf of residents and the virtual participation of residents at meetings of Audit, Governance & Standards Committee.

### **Notes:**

**Although this is a public meeting, there are circumstances when Council might have to move into closed session to consider exempt or confidential information. For agenda items that are exempt, the public are excluded.**

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## **Agenda**

### **Membership:**

Cllrs:	Gemma Monaco (Chair) Chris Holz (Vice- Chair) William Boyd James Fardoe Andrew Fry	Wanda King Rita Rogers Gary Slim Paul Wren
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### **1. Apologies and Named Substitutes**

### **2. Declarations of Interest**

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and/or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.

### **3. Minutes (Pages 7 - 16)**

The minutes of the meeting of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 5<sup>th</sup> March 2025 will be considered at this meeting.

### **4. Public Speaking**

Members of the public have an opportunity to speak at meetings of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee. In order to do so members of the public must register by 12 noon two days prior to the date of the meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

### **5. Feckenham Parish Council Representative's Report - Standards Regime**

To receive a verbal report from the Feckenham Parish Council Representative on standards matters relating to the Parish Council.

### **6. Monitoring Officer's Report - Standards Regime (Pages 17 - 20)**

### **7. Annual Update Report on Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) (Pages 21 - 70)**

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- 8. Localism Act 2011 - Standards Regime - Dispensations** (Pages 71 - 80)
- 9. External Audit Onboarding Discussion Update**
- 10. Internal Audit Annual Report and Audit Opinion 2024-25** (Pages 81 - 104)
- 11. Internal Audit Plan 2025-26** (Pages 105 - 112)
- 12. Financial Compliance Report including update on Statements of Accounts**  
(Pages 113 - 124)
- 13. Financial Savings Monitoring Report** (Pages 125 - 134)
- 14. Risk Management Report (Q1 2025-26)** (Pages 135 - 148)
- 15. Annual Appointment of Risk Champion**
- 16. Committee Work Programme** (Pages 149 - 150)