



Audit, Governance & Standards Committee

Thu 23 Oct
2025
6.30 pm

 **Redditch**
Borough Council
Working together for our communities

Oakenshaw Community Centre,
Castleditch Lane, Redditch, B98 7YB

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If you have any questions regarding the agenda or attached papers, please do not hesitate to contact the officer named above.

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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 the Committee 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)	Wanda King
	Chris Holz (Vice- Chair)	Rita Rogers
	William Boyd	Gary Slim
	James Fardoe	Paul Wren
	Andrew Fry	

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 - 22)

The minutes of the meeting of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 24 July 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 23 - 26)

7. Annual Review Letter of Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (Pages 27 - 40)

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- 8. External Auditor Update Report 2023-24** (Pages 41 - 50)
- 9. Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 51 - 64)
- 10. Annual Governance Statement** (Pages 65 - 76)
- 11. Financial Compliance Report** (Pages 77 - 88)
- 12. Cyber Security Update (including WhatsApp and AI Policy)** (Pages 89 - 124)
- 13. Risk Champion Update**
- 14. Committee Work Programme** (Pages 125 - 126)