



Audit, Governance & Standards Committee

Tue 20 Jan
2026
6.30 pm

Oakenshaw Community
Centre, Castleditch
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GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Please note that this is a public meeting. You are able to attend the meeting and access the meeting agenda from the Committee Pages of the Council's website.

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

GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS AND THE PUBLIC ATTENDING MEETINGS IN PERSON

Meeting attendees are encouraged not to attend a Committee if they have any of the following common symptoms of Covid-19 on the day of the meeting; a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or a loss of smell and / or taste.

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)	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 - 20)

The minutes of the meeting of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 23 October 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 on the day of the meeting by contacting the committee officer. 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 21 - 24)

7. Ernst & Young - External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update

Verbal Update.

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8. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 25 - 40)

9. Capital Strategy 2026/27 including Treasury Management Strategy

Report to follow.

10. Review of Accounting Policies (Pages 41 - 58)

11. Financial Compliance Report (Pages 59 - 70)

12. Risk Champion Update

13. Committee Work Programme (Pages 71 - 72)

14. Exclusion of the Public and Press

In the opinion of the Chief Executive, the meeting will not be, or is unlikely to be open to the Public at the time the following items of business are considered for the reasons stated. The Committee will be asked to pass the following resolution:

“that under S.100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the following paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act, as amended:

- Paragraph 3 – Financial or Business Affairs”

15. Cyber Security Report (Pages 73 - 80)