



Audit, Governance & Standards Committee

Thu 11 Jun
2026
6.30 pm



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 at meetings of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee. Virtual participation of residents at meetings of Audit, Governance and Statements Committee can currently be arranged by prior notification.

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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Membership:

Cllrs:	David Meredith (Chair) Roger Bennett (Vice-Chair) Joe Baker Joanna Kane	Jen Snape Jane Spilsbury Rita Rogers Ian Woodall Co opted Member: Parish Cllr Alan Smith 1 vacant seat
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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. 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. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

4. General Dispensation Report (Pages 5 - 10)

5. Revised Annual Governance Statement 2023-24 and 2024-25 (Pages 11 - 36)

6. External Audit - Audit Completion Report - 2023-24 and 2024-25 (Pages 37 - 90)

7. Risk Management Report (Q4 2025-26) (Pages 91 - 98)

8. VAT Recovery Progress Update (Pages 99 - 104)

9. Financial Compliance Report (Pages 105 - 120)

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10. Annual Appointment of Risk Champion

11. Committee Work Programme (Pages 121 - 124)

12. Exclusion of the Public and Press

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

“That, under Section 100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) – to be specified – on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act”.

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:

- Para 1 – any individual;
- Para 2 – the identity of any individual;
- Para 3 – financial or business affairs;
- Para 4 – labour relations matters;
- Para 5 – legal professional privilege;
- Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;
- Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime

may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.

13. Minutes (Pages 125 - 138)

To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the meeting of Audit, Governance & Standards Committee which took place on 24th February 2026, including of the exempt minutes record of that meeting.