



Leicester  
City Council

## **MEETING OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**DATE: WEDNESDAY, 7 AUGUST 2024**

**TIME: 5:30 pm**

**PLACE: Meeting Room G.01, Ground Floor, City Hall, 115 Charles Street, Leicester, LE1 1FZ**

### **Members of the Committee**

Councillor Kaur Saini (Chair)

Councillor Adam Clarke (Vice-Chair)

Councillors Adatia, Cassidy, Joel, Kitterick and Rae Bhatia.

Independent Member Mr Bipon Bhakri

One unallocated Labour Group place

Members of the Committee are summoned to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business listed overleaf.

for Monitoring Officer

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#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

#### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members will be asked to declare any interests they have in the business to be discussed.

#### **3. MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> of July 2024 will come to the next meeting.

#### **4. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24**

**Item 4**  
**(Pages 1 - 72)**

The Director of Finance submits a report to the Governance and Audit Committee which presents the External Audit Plan Report 2023-24

The Governance & Audit Committee is recommended to note the report.

#### **5. DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/24**

**Item 5**  
**(Pages 73 - 248)**

The Director of Finance presents the Draft Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.

The Governance & Audit Committee is recommended to note the report.

#### **6. REGULATION OF INVESTIGATORY POWERS ACT 2000 - BI-ANNUAL REPORT JANUARY - JUNE 2024**

**Item 6**  
**(Pages 249 - 252)**

The Monitoring Officer presents the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 - Bi-Annual Report January – June 2024.

The Governance & Audit Committee is recommended to note the report.

#### **7. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS**