



**COTSWOLD**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Audit Committee will be held in the Council Chamber, Trinity Road, Cirencester on **Tuesday, 23 November 2021 at 4.00 pm.**

Rob Weaver  
Chief Executive

To: Members of the Audit Committee  
(Councillors Stephen Andrews, Tony Berry, Patrick Coleman, Mark Harris, Nick Maunder, Nigel Robbins and Ray Theodoulou)

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## AGENDA

1. **Apologies**
2. **Substitute Members**  
To note details of any substitution arrangements in place for the meeting.
3. **Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any declarations of interest from Members and Officers, relating to items to be considered at the meeting.
4. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)**  
To confirm the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 21<sup>st</sup> October 2021.
5. **Public Questions**  
To deal with questions from the public within the open forum question and answer session of fifteen minutes in total. Questions or supplementary questions from each member of the public should be no longer than two minutes each and relate issues under the Committee's remit.
6. **Member Questions**  
To deal with written questions by Members, relating to issues under the Committee's remit, with the maximum length of oral supplementary questions at Committee being no longer than one minute. Responses to any supplementary questions will be dealt with in writing following the meeting.
7. **Statement of Accounts 2020/21 (Pages 13 - 186)**  
Purpose  
This report presents the Council's audited Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April 2020 to 31 March 2021 to enable the Committee to consider and approve the Council's accounts.  
  
Recommendation(s)
  - a) That the Grant Thornton Audit Findings for Cotswold District Council be noted.
  - b) The Statement of Accounts 2020/21 be approved.
  - c) To note the officer responses to Audit Committee Comments.
  - d) To note the update to the Annual Governance Statement.
  - e) That the Chief Finance Officer and the Chairman of the Audit Committee be authorised to write a letter of representation on behalf of the Committee and Council to Grant Thornton to enable the opinion to be issued.
8. **Corporate Risk Register Update and Updated Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy (Pages 187 - 212)**  
Purpose  
To update the Committee on the changes to the Council's corporate risk register at the end of 2021/22 Q2 and put before members a revised Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy for approval.

### Recommendation(s)

- a) To note the updates to the Council's corporate risk register; and
- b) Approve the Risk and Opportunity Management Strategy at Annex C.

9. **Annual Governance Statement - Action Plan (Pages 213 - 222)**

Purpose

This report presents an update on the Governance Action Plan for 2021/22.

Recommendation(s)

To note progress against items in the Governance Action Plan for 2021/22.

10. **Use of the Internet and Social Media for Investigations and Enforcement Policy (Pages 223 - 232)**

Purpose

To present the Audit Committee with a new Use of the Internet and Social Media in Investigations and Enforcement Policy for comment.

Recommendation(s)

That the Committee considers the Use of the Internet and Social Media in Investigations and Enforcement Policy and provides comments to the Cabinet for consideration.

11. **Annual Ombudsman Letter 2020/21**

Purpose

This report informs Audit Committee about the annual Local Government & Social Care Ombudsman's (LGO's) letter for 2021.

Recommendation(s)

That the Committee note the Ombudsman's letter.

12. **Work Plan 2021/22 (Pages 233 - 234)**

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