

Audit Committee

Agenda

Tuesday 12 September 2023 at 7.00 pm

Main Hall (1st Floor) - 3 Shortlands, Hammersmith, W6 8DA

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MEMBERSHIP

Administration	Opposition
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<u>Item</u>		<u>Pages</u>
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE		
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST		
	<p>If a Councillor has a disclosable pecuniary interest in a particular item, whether or not it is entered in the Authority's register of interests, or any other significant interest which they consider should be declared in the public interest, they should declare the existence and, unless it is a sensitive interest as defined in the Member Code of Conduct, the nature of the interest at the commencement of the consideration of that item or as soon as it becomes apparent.</p> <p>At meetings where members of the public are allowed to be in attendance and speak, any Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest or other significant interest may also make representations, give evidence or answer questions about the matter. The Councillor must then withdraw immediately from the meeting before the matter is discussed and any vote taken.</p> <p>Where Members of the public are not allowed to be in attendance and speak, then the Councillor with a disclosable pecuniary interest should withdraw from the meeting whilst the matter is under consideration. Councillors who have declared other significant interests should also withdraw from the meeting if they consider their continued participation in the matter would not be reasonable in the circumstances and may give rise to a perception of a conflict of interest.</p> <p>Councillors are not obliged to withdraw from the meeting where a dispensation to that effect has been obtained from the Standards Committee.</p>	
3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING		4 - 11
	<p><i>This item includes an appendix that contains exempt information. Discussion of the appendix will require passing the proposed resolution at the end of the agenda to exclude members of the public and press.</i></p> <p>To approve the minutes and exempt minutes of the previous meeting and to note any outstanding actions.</p>	
4. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22, INCLUDING PENSION FUND ACCOUNTS AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND UPDATE ON 2020/21 ACCOUNTS AND 2022/23 EXTERNAL AUDIT		12 - 402
	<p>This report presents the London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham's 2021/22 Statement of Accounts, including the Pension Fund Accounts and Annual Governance Statement for approval.</p>	

- 5. RISK ASSESSMENT AND AUDIT PLAN 2022/23** 403 - 428
- The Committee is invited to note the content of the Risk Assessment and Audit Plan 2022/23.
- 6. TREASURY MANAGEMENT OUTTURN REPORT 2022/23** 429 - 436
- The purpose of this report is to present the Council's annual Treasury Management outturn for 2022/23, in accordance with the Council's treasury management practices. It is a regulatory requirement for this outturn report to be presented to Audit Committee and Cabinet during September of the relevant year.
- 7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REVIEW LETTER 22/23** 437 - 446
- The Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) provides all member organisations with an annual letter every July. This provides a summary of performance in the previous financial year. This report updates Audit Committee on the content of the most recent annual letter which refers to performance from April 2022 to March 2023.
- 8. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**
- The following meeting dates have been scheduled:
- 27 November 2023
 - 11 March 2024
- 9. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS (IF REQUIRED)**
- Proposed resolution:**
- The Committee is invited to resolve, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, that the public and press be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds that they contain the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the said Act, and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption currently outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.