

Audit Committee

Agenda

Monday 9 June 2025 at 7.00 pm

145 King Street (Ground Floor), Hammersmith, W6 9XY

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MEMBERSHIP

Administration	Opposition	Independent
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Members of the public are welcome to attend, but spaces are limited so please contact Debbie.Yau@lbhf.gov.uk if you'd like to attend. The building has disabled access.

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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	<p>To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 10 March 2025 as an accurate record.</p>	4 - 12
4. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLANS 2024/25	<p>This report presents for the Committee's information the external audit plans for the audit of the financial year 2024/25.</p>	13 - 98
5. HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25	<p>This report summarises the work of Internal Audit in 2024/25 and provides the opinion of the Director of Audit, Fraud, Risk and Insurance on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's framework of governance, risk management and control. It also sets out a consistent level of assurance being obtained and provided for 2024/25 through the work of internal audit.</p>	99 - 118

6. CORPORATE ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25 119 - 136

This report provides an account of fraud-related activity undertaken during the financial year 2024/25 to minimise the risk of fraud, bribery and corruption occurring within and against the Council.

7. CYBER SECURITY UPDATE 137 - 145

This report contains exempt information. Discussion of the report will require passing the proposed resolution at the end of the agenda to exclude members of the public and press.

This report provides six-monthly updates on Hammersmith & Fulham's cyber-security readiness.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note the date of the next meeting:

- 22 September 2025

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