



Gloucestershire

COUNTY COUNCIL

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE
COMMITTEE
10.00 am**

FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2021

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AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

TIME: 10.00 am
DATE: Friday 22 January 2021
VENUE: Remote Meeting

A G E N D A

ITEM	TOPIC	CONTACT
1.	Apologies	Andrea Griffiths
2.	Declarations of Interest	Andrea Griffiths
3.	Minutes (Pages 1 - 16) The Committee is asked to approve the minutes of the previous meeting.	Andrea Griffiths
4.	Grant Thornton Progress Report (Pages 17 - 32) The Committee is asked to note the report.	Peter Barber
5.	Grant Thornton Annual Audit Letter 2019/20 (Pages 33 - 56) The Committee is asked to note the report.	Peter Barber
6.	Capital, Treasury and Investment Strategy (Pages 57 - 86) The Committee is asked to consider, and comment as appropriate on the proposed strategies for 2021/22 and the Minimum Revenue Provision Policy.	Paul Blacker
7.	Internal Audit Activity Progress Report 2020/21 (Pages 87 - 138) The Committee is asked to note the report and agree that Senior Management attend the next meeting to provide an update as detailed within the report.	Stephanie Payne
8.	Annual Governance Statement Improvement Plan Update 2019/20 (Pages 139 - 162) It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee reviews and considers the actions taken to address the governance improvement areas identified.	Stephanie Payne
9.	GFRS Progress Report (Pages 163 - 196) It is recommended that the Audit and Governance Committee reviews and considers the actions taken to address the recommendations made and progress to date.	Stephanie Payne
10.	Annual Schools Assurance Statements 2019-20 (Pages 197 - 202)	Jane Lloyd-Davies

11. **Limited Assurance Reports** (Pages 203 - 224) Stephanie Payne
- Disposal of Assets: Vehicles (Philip Williams/Jo Saville)
 - Unregulated Placement and Packages of Support (Commissioning – Wendy Williams)
 - Unregulated Placements and Packages of Support (Fostering – Gill Horrobin)
 - Direct Awards (Ian Mawdsley)
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12. **Whistleblowing Policy** (Pages 225 - 228) Rob Ayliffe
The Committee is asked to note the report and support the commitment to undertake a self assessment against the Protect Best Practice Framework.
13. **Independent Persons Report** (Pages 229 - 230) Simon Harper
The Committee is asked to note the process for the appointment of Independent Persons ahead of the Annual Meeting of the Council.

NOTES

- (a) **MEMBERSHIP** – Councillors Cllr Bernard Fisher, Cllr Andrew Gravells MBE, Cllr Colin Hay, Cllr Brian Oosthuysen, Cllr Shaun Parsons, Cllr John Payne, Cllr Alan Preest, Cllr Nigel Robbins OBE, Cllr Ray Theodoulou, Cllr Brian Tipper and Cllr Will Windsor-Clive
- (b) **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – Members requiring advice or clarification about whether to make a declaration of interest are invited to contact the Monitoring Officer: Rob Ayliffe e-mail: rob.ayliffe@gloucestershire.gov.uk prior to the commencement of the meeting.