



# East Cambridgeshire District Council

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## Meeting: Audit Committee

Time: 4:30pm

Date: Monday 5 February 2024

Venue: Council Chamber, The Grange, Nutholt Lane, Ely, CB7 4EE

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## Committee membership

Quorum: 5 members

### Conservative Members

Cllr David Brown (Chairman)

Cllr Keith Horgan

Cllr Kelli Pettitt (Vice-Chairman)

### Substitutes:

Cllr Christine Ambrose-Smith

Cllr Lavinia Edwards

Cllr Lucius Vellacott

### Liberal Democrat Members

Cllr Charlotte Cane (Lead Member)

Cllr Christine Whelan

### Substitutes:

Cllr Mary Wade

Cllr Gareth Wilson

Lead Officer: Ian Smith, Director Finance

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## AGENDA

1. **Public Question Time** [oral]  
The meeting will commence with up to 15 minutes public question time
2. **Apologies and substitutions** [oral]
3. **Declarations of Interest** [oral]  
To receive declarations of interest from Members for any Items on the Agenda in accordance with the Members Code of Conduct

#### **4. Minutes**

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

#### **5. Chairman's announcements**

**[oral]**

#### **6. Annual Governance Statement 2022/23 – final draft**

#### **7. External Audit – Audits update**

**[oral report]**

#### **8. Internal Audit progress report**

#### **9. Corporate Risk Management monitoring report**

#### **10. Forward Agenda Plan**

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#### **NOTES:**

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2. Public Questions/Statements are welcomed on any topic related to the Committee's functions as long as there is no suspicion that it is improper (e.g. offensive, slanderous or might lead to disclosures of Exempt or Confidential information). Up to 15 minutes is allocated for this at the start of the meeting. Further details about the Public Question Time scheme are available at: <https://www.eastcambs.gov.uk/committees/public-question-time-scheme>
3. The Council has adopted a 'Purge on Plastics' strategy and is working towards the removal of all consumer single-use plastics in our workplace. Therefore, we do not provide disposable cups in our building or at our meetings and would ask members of the public to bring their own drink to the meeting if required.
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7. If the Committee wishes to exclude the public and press from the meeting, a resolution in the following terms will need to be passed:

“That the press and public be excluded during the consideration of the remaining item no(s). X because it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s) there would be disclosure to them of exempt information of Category X of Part I Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).”

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