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Date: 29 April 2025

Notice of meeting

Audit Committee

Date: Thursday, 8 May 2025

Time: 7.00 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Knowle Green, Staines-upon-Thames TW18

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To the members of the Audit Committee

Councillors:

J. Button (Chair) J.P. Caplin P.N. Woodward

K. Howkins (Vice-Chair)

J.R. Boughtflower

L. E. Nichols

H.R.D. Williams

Independent Member: P.Briggs

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	To receive any apologies for absence and notification of substitutions.	
2.	Minutes	5 - 20
	To confirm the minutes of the meetings held on 28 January 2025 and 25 February 2025.	
3.	Disclosures of Interest	
	To receive any disclosures of interest from Councillors in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct for members.	
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	To consider the progress against the action plan and responses to the 2023-24 External Auditor's Annual Audit Report.	
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9.	Consolidated Action Plan	99 - 124
	To consider the draft Consolidated Action Plan relating to recommendations made in key external reviews of the Council and to acknowledge the progress to date.	
10.	Corporate Risk Management	To Follow
	To consider the significant strategic risks and issues highlighted in this report and present these to the Corporate Policy and Resources Committee, ensuring continued wider reporting of the Corporate Risk Register and actions across other Committees.	

11. Counter-Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Strategy

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Committee is asked to:

- 1. Acknowledge the annual review of the Council's Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Strategy;
- 2. Approve the proposed amendments to the Council's Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Strategy; and
- 3. Recommend to the Council that the Constitution be updated with the revised Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Strategy.