

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Guildhall,
Frankwell Quay,
Shrewsbury
SY3 8HQ

Date: Tuesday, 8 July 2025

Committee:
Audit Committee

Date: Wednesday, 16 July 2025
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Council Chamber, Guildhall, Frankwell Quay, Shrewsbury, SY3 8HQ

You are requested to attend the above meeting. The Agenda is attached

There will be some access to the meeting room for members of the press and public, but this will be limited. If you wish to attend the meeting please email democracy@shropshire.gov.uk to check that a seat will be available for you.

Please click [here](#) to view the livestream of the meeting on the date and time stated on the agenda

The recording of the event will also be made available shortly after the meeting on the Shropshire Council Youtube Channel [Here](#)

Tim Collard
Service Director – Legal, Governance and Planning

Members of Audit Committee

Kate Halliday
Duncan Kerr
Carl Rowley

Rhys Gratton
Malcolm Myles-Hook

Independent Member: Jim Arnold

Your Committee Officer is:

Michelle Dulson Committee Officer
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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence / Notification of Substitutes

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must declare their disclosable pecuniary interests and other registrable or non-registrable interests in any matter being considered at the meeting as set out in Appendix B of the Members' Code of Conduct and consider if they should leave the room prior to the item being considered. Further advice can be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

3 Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26 June 2025 (Pages 1 - 14)

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 June 2025 are attached for confirmation.

Contact Michelle Dulson (01743) 257719

4 Public Questions

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. The deadline for this meeting is 12 noon on Thursday 10 July 2025.

5 Member Questions

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6 Second line assurance: Annual Whistleblowing report (Pages 15 - 20)

The report of the Assistant Director of Workforce is attached.

Contact: Sam Williams (01743) 252817

7 Second line assurance: Annual Treasury Report (Pages 21 - 32)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.

Contact: James Walton (01743) 258915

8 Second line assurance: Financial outturn report 2024/25 (Pages 33 - 80)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.

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9 Second line assurance: Approval of the Council's Draft Statement of Accounts 2024/25 (Pages 81 - 308)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.

Contact: James Walton (01743) 258915

10 Third line assurance: Annual review of Internal Audit, Quality Assurance and Improvement Programme (QAIP) 2024/25 (Pages 309 - 320)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.
Contact: James Walton (01743) 258915

11 Third line assurance: Annual Assurance report of Audit Committee to Council 2024/25 (Pages 321 - 336)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.
Contact: James Walton (01743) 258915

12 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Plan 2025/26 (Pages 337 - 362)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.
Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

13 Third line assurance: Pension Fund Audit Plan 2024/25 (Pages 363 - 402)

The report of the Engagement Lead is attached.
Contact: Avtar S Sohal (0121) 232 6420

14 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on the 26 September 2025 at 10.00 am.

15 Exclusion of Press and Public

To RESOLVE that in accordance with the provision of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements)(Meetings and Access to Information)(England) Regulations and Paragraphs 2, 3 and 7 of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded during consideration of the following items.

16 Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26 June 2025 (Pages 403 - 404)

The Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 June 2025 are attached for confirmation.
Contact Michelle Dulson (01743) 257719

17 Third line assurance: Fraud, Special Investigation, RIPA and Exemptions Update (Exempted by Categories 1,2,3 and 7) (Pages 405 - 408)

The exempt report of the Internal Audit Manager is attached.
Contact: Katie Williams 07584 217067