

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

Date: 19 November 2025

Committee:
Audit & Governance Committee

Date: Thursday, 27 November 2025
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: The Council Chamber, The 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 & Governance Committee

Duncan Kerr
Malcolm Myles-Hook
Rhys Gratton
Mark Owen
Duncan Borrowman

Carl Rowley
Sharon Ritchie-Simmons
Kate Halliday
Nigel Lumby

Jim Arnold (Independent Member)

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 September 2025 (Pages 1 - 10)

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 26 September 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 12noon on 21 November 2025.

5 Member Questions

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6 First line assurance: Internal Control Management Update (Pages 11 - 24)

The report of the Interim Chief Executive is attached.
Contact: Tanya Miles (01743) 255811

7 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Performance Report and revised Annual Audit Plan 2025/26 (Pages 25 - 44)

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

8 First Line Assurance: ASC Outturn Update (Period 13) (Pages 45 - 56)

The report of the Interim Chief Executive is attached.
Contact: Tanya Miles (01743) 255811

9 First line assurance: The Lantern Management Update (Pages 57 - 66)

The report of the Property Services Group (PSG) Facilities and Maintenance Manager is attached.
Contact: Matt Jordan (01743) 252668

10 First line assurance: Deferred Payments Management Update (Pages 67 - 78)

The report of the Team Leader for Business Support is attached.
Contact: Kim Russon (01743) 254649

11 Second line assurance: Treasury Strategy Mid-Year Report 2025/26 (Pages 79 - 102)

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

12 Governance Assurance: Annual Audit Committee Self-Assessment (Pages 103 - 122)

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

13 Second line assurance: Annual review of Counter Fraud, Bribery and Anti-Corruption Strategy and activities, including an update on the National Fraud Initiative (Pages 123 - 154)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.
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14 Fraud Investigation Options (Pages 155 - 164)

The report of the Executive Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) is

attached.

Contact: James Walton (01743) 258915

15 First line assurance: Final Approval Statement of Accounts 2024/25 (Pages 165 - 382)

The report of the Executive Director of Resources (Section 151 Officer) is attached.

Contact: James Walton (01743) 258915

16 Third line assurance: External Audit: Draft Auditors Annual Report (Pages 383 - 440)

The report of the Engagement Lead is attached.

Contact: Avtar S Sohal (0121) 232 6420

17 Third line of assurance: External Audit: Shropshire Council Audit Findings Report 2024/25 (Pages 441 - 496)

The report of the Engagement Lead is attached.

Contact: Avtar S Sohal (0121) 232 6420

18 Third Line Assurance: Fraud, Special Investigation, RIPA Update (Pages 497 - 500)

The report of the Internal Audit Manager is attached.

Contact: Katie Williams 07584 217067

19 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on the 5 February 2026 at 10.00 am.

20 Action Log (Pages 501 - 502)

A review of meeting actions.

21 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.

22 Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26 September 2025
(Pages 503 - 504)

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

Contact Michelle Dulson (01743) 257719

23 Third line assurance: Contract Rules Exemptions Update (Exempted by Category 3) (Pages 505 - 516)

The exempt report of the Assistant Director of Legal and Governance is attached.

Contact: Tim Collard (01743) 252756