

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

Date: 17 June 2026

**Committee:
Audit & Governance Committee**

Date: Thursday, 25 June 2026

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: The Shrewsbury Room, 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.

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Tim Collard
Service Director- Legal & Governance (Monitoring Officer).

Members of Audit & Governance Committee

Sharon Ritchie-Simmons (Chair)
Kate Halliday (Vice Chairman)
Duncan Kerr
Malcolm Myles-Hook
Mark Owen

Duncan Borrowman
Nigel Lumby
Thomas Clayton
Greg Ebbs

Your Committee Officer is:

Michelle Dulson Committee Officer

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When attending this meeting, Members are reminded of the three principles of the Jo Cox Foundation and Compassion in Politics Civility Pledge:

1. *Use a civil and constructive tone in debate*
2. *Act with integrity, honesty and compassion*
3. *Behave respectfully towards others, including those I disagree with*

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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 meetings held on the 5 February 2026 and 14 May 2026 (Pages 1 - 18)

The Minutes of the meetings held on the 5 February 2026 and 14 May 2026 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 Friday 19 June 2026.

5 Member Questions

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6 Third line assurance: Annual Assurance report of the Audit and Governance Committee to Council 2025/26 (Pages 19 - 34)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.
Contact: Duncan Whitfield (01743) 254928

7 Third line assurance: External Audit, Shropshire Council and Shropshire County Pension Fund Audit Plans (Pages 35 - 98)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.

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8 Governance assurance: Audit and Governance Committee Work Plan 2026/27 (Pages 99 - 132)

The report of the Section 151 Officer is attached.

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9 First line assurance: Project Management Office Management Update (Pages 133 - 138)

The report of the Service Director for Strategy and Change is attached.

Contact: Paul Clarke (01743) 252421

10 Second line assurance: Annual Whistleblowing report (Pages 139 - 144)

The report of the HR & OD Manager is attached.

Contact: Sam Collins-Lafferty (01743) 252854

11 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Performance Report (Pages 145 - 160)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.

Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

12 Third line assurance: Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26 (Pages 161 - 188)

The report of the Head of Policy and Governance is attached.

Contact: Barry Hanson 07990 086409

13 Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on the 15 July 2026 at 10.00 am.

14 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.

15 Exempt Minutes of the previous meeting held on the 5 February 2026
(Pages 189 - 190)

The Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on the 5 February 2026 are attached for confirmation.

Contact Michelle Dulson (01743) 257719

16 Third Line Assurance: Fraud, Special Investigation and RIPA Update
(Exempted by Categories 1, 2, 3 and 7) (Pages 191 - 194)

The exempt report of the Internal Audit Manager is attached.

Contact: Katie Williams 07584 217067

17 Third line assurance: Contract Rules Exemptions Update (Exempted by
Category 3) (Pages 195 - 212)

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

Contact: Tim Collard (01743) 252756