

*Please note the amended public question time arrangements for this meeting

Meeting of: Audit & Accounts Committee

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Time: 6.30pm **Date** 9th March 2021

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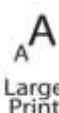
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ITEM		Lead Member/Contact Officer
A.	BUSINESS MATTERS	
A1.	Apologies for Absence	
A2.	Minutes of the last meeting To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 26 th November 2020.	
A3.	Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.	
A4.	Declarations of Interest <i>Members are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.</i> Members are requested to indicate at this stage, any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare the nature of any personal interest and, if the interest is prejudicial, withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item.	Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer Tel: 01706 252423 Email: glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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B.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
B1.	<p>Public Question Time Members of the public can register their question by contacting the Committee Officer. Groups with similar questions are advised to appoint and register a spokesperson.</p> <p>This is an opportunity to ask a question about an agenda matter which the Council may be able to assist with. A time limit applies for each question and you are only able to address the meeting once.</p> <p>To register for public question time your question must be received no later than 9.00am two working days prior to the day of the meeting by emailing democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk Please give your full name, telephone number and include a copy of your question.</p> <p>At the meeting you will be invited to speak at the appropriate time, please begin by giving your name and state whether you are speaking as an individual member of the public, or as a representative of a group. (Question time normally lasts up to 30 minutes).</p>	<p>Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer 01706 252423 glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p> <p>Please register an agenda related public question by emailing democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk no later than 9.00am Thursday 4th March</p>
C.	<p>Chair's Update To receive communications from the Chair</p>	Councillor Marriott
D.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	
D1.	Corporate Risk Report Q3 2020/21	Councillor Walmsley/Karen Spencer Head of Finance, 01706 252465 karenspercer@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D2.	Annual Fraud Report 2019/20	Councillor Walmsley/Karen Spencer Head of Finance, 01706 252465 karenspercer@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D3.	Internal Audit Annual Audit Plan 2021/22	Councillor Walmsley/Mark Baskerville Lancashire County Council mark.baskerville@lancashire.gov.uk
D4.	Internal Audit Progress Report Quarter 4 2020/21	Councillor Walmsley/Mark Baskerville Lancashire County Council mark.baskerville@lancashire.gov.uk
D5.	External Audit Progress Report	Councillor Walmsley/Amelia Payton Mazars amelia.payton@mazars.co.uk
E.	<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local</p>	

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	Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business since it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.	
E1.	Standards Complaints Update (verbal)	Councillor Serridge/Councillor Marriott
E2.	Whistleblowing update (verbal)	Councillor Walmsley/Councillor Marriott



Neil Shaw
Chief Executive

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