

Meeting of: Audit & Accounts Committee

**Date:** 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023 **Time:** 6.30pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB

The meeting will also be live streamed at the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCrLsMDOP7AYxik5pNP0gTIA/streams

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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 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	
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  Members are advised to contact the Monitoring  Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.	Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer Tel: 01706 252423 Email: <a href="mailto:glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk">glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a>
	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.	gieridaasiitorii@rosseridalebc.gov.dk
B.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
B1.	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.  This is an opportunity to ask a question about a matter which the Council may be able to assist with. A time limit of 3 minutes applies for each question and you are only able to address the meeting once.	Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer 01706 252423 glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk

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	To register for public question time your question must be received no later than 12noon on the day of the meeting by emailing <a href="mailto:democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk">democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk</a> Please give your full name, telephone number and include a copy of your question.	Please register an agenda related public question by emailing democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk no later than 12noon on Wednesday 27th September 2023
	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).	
C.	Chair's Update	
	To receive communications from the Chair	Councillor Procter
D.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	
D1.	Corporate Risk Register Update Q1 2023/24	Karen Spencer Chief Finance Officer, 01706 252465 karenspencer@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D2.	Draft Annual Governance Statement 2022/23	Karen Spencer Chief Finance Officer, 01706 252465 karenspencer@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D3.	Internal Audit Progress Report July to August 2023/24	Mark Baskerville Lancashire County Council mark.baskerville@lancashire.gov.uk
D4.	External Audit Progress Report	Katie Kingston Mazars Auditors katie.kingston@mazars.co.uk
E.	EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS  To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local 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 Procter
E2.	Whistleblowing update (verbal)	Councillor Procter
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Rob Huntington Chief Executive

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