

MEETING:     AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
DATE:         Wednesday 15th December, 2021  
TIME:         3.00 pm  
VENUE:        Assembly Hall - Bootle Town Hall, Trinity Road, Bootle, L20 7AE

## Member

Councillor  
Councillor Robinson (Chair)  
Councillor Roche (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor D'Albuquerque  
Councillor Dowd  
Councillor McGinnity  
Councillor John Joseph Kelly  
Councillor Pugh  
Councillor John Sayers  
Councillor Shaw  
Councillor Sir Ron Watson

## Substitute

Councillor  
Councillor Bradshaw  
Councillor Page  
Councillor Riley  
Councillor Murphy  
Councillor Yvonne Sayers  
Councillor Spencer  
Councillor Lewis  
Councillor Sonya Kelly  
Councillor Evans  
Councillor Prendergast

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**See overleaf for COVID Guidance and the requirements in relation to Public Attendance.**

**If you have any special needs that may require arrangements to facilitate your attendance at this meeting, please contact the Committee Officer named above, who will endeavour to assist.**

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## **COVID GUIDANCE IN RELATION TO PUBLIC ATTENDANCE**

In light of ongoing Covid-19 social distancing restrictions, there is limited capacity for members of the press and public to be present in the meeting room indicated on the front page of the agenda at any one time. We would ask parties remain in the meeting room solely for the duration of consideration of the Committee report(s) to which their interests relate.

We therefore request that if you wish to attend the Committee to please register in advance of the meeting via email to [ruth.appleby@sefton.gov.uk](mailto:ruth.appleby@sefton.gov.uk) by no later than **12:00 (noon) on the day of the meeting.**

Please include in your email –

- Your name;
- Your email address;
- Your Contact telephone number; and
- The details of the report in which you are interested.

In light of current social distancing requirements, access to the meeting room is limited.

**We have been advised by Public Health that Members, officers and the public should carry out a lateral flow test before attending the meeting, and only attend if that test is negative. Provided you are not classed as exempt, it is requested that you wear a mask that covers both your nose and mouth.**

# AGENDA

**1. Apologies for absence**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Members are requested at a meeting where a disclosable pecuniary interest or personal interest arises, which is not already included in their Register of Members' Interests, to declare any interests that relate to an item on the agenda.

Where a Member discloses a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, he/she must withdraw from the meeting room, including from the public gallery, during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest, except where he/she is permitted to remain as a result of a grant of a dispensation.

Where a Member discloses a personal interest he/she must seek advice from the Monitoring Officer or staff member representing the Monitoring Officer to determine whether the Member should withdraw from the meeting room, including from the public gallery, during the whole consideration of any item of business in which he/she has an interest or whether the Member can remain in the meeting or remain in the meeting and vote on the relevant decision.

**3. Minutes**

(Pages 5 - 12)

Minutes of the meeting held on 15 September 2021

**4. Statement of Accounts 2020/2021**

Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services

**5. Treasury Management Position to September 2021**

(Pages 13 - 22)

Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services

**6. Corporate Risk Management**

(Pages 23 - 58)

Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services

Also to receive a presentation by Deborah Butcher, Executive Director – Adult Social Care and Health on two Adult Social Care risks listed in the Corporate Risk Register.

- 7. Risk and Audit Service Performance** (Pages 59 - 102)  
 Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services
- 8. The Follow up of Audit Agreed Actions** (Pages 103 - 110)  
 Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services
- 9. Annual Fraud Report** (Pages 111 - 124)  
 Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services
- 10. Exclusion of Press and Public**  
 The following report is **not** Exempt / Confidential but includes appendices which contain exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972. Namely:
- Item 11 – Appendices 2 and 3
- Members are therefore requested to consider whether or not they wish to discuss any matters referred to in the exempt appendices and accordingly, consider passing the following resolution:
- That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for any items of business which might involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act. The Public Interest Test has been applied and favours exclusion of the information from the Press and Public.
- 11. Review of Risk Based Verification for Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Reduction claims** (Pages 125 - 154)  
 Report of the Executive Director of Corporate Resources and Customer Services