

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

**MEETING HELD AT THE ASSEMBLY HALL - BOOTLE TOWN HALL,
TRINITY ROAD, BOOTLE, L20 7AE
ON 20 NOVEMBER 2024**

PRESENT: Councillor Robinson (in the Chair)

Councillors Conalty, Johnson, Maher, McNabb,
Neary, Pugh and Shaw

26. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Roche and Spring.

27. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of any disclosable pecuniary interests or personal interests were received.

28. MINUTES

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 4 September 2024 be confirmed as a correct record.

29. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22 AND 2022/23

The Committee considered the report of the Executive Director of Corporate Services and Commercial which presented the final audited Statement of Accounts for 2021/22 and 2022/23, including the updated Annual Governance Statements and also the Completion Report from Ernst & Young LLP (EY) for approval.

The proposed "Letter of Representation" document to be provided by Sefton Council to EY was attached for approval.

The Committee also heard updates from Sefton Council's former (Ernst Young) external auditors.

The Committee discussed the following topics:

- The delay in publishing the report prior to the meeting
- Audit progress made on the 2022/2023 accounts
- Committee Member changeover since the previous approval of the accounts in September 2023
- Audit deadlines relating to approval of the accounts
- The impact on the 2023/2024 Statement of Accounts

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- Minor Disclosure Items

Following discussion, the Committee agreed to adjourn the meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the meeting be adjourned, and the Committee re-convene on
Thursday, 28 November 2024 at 3.00 p.m. at Bootle Town Hall.