



Gloucester City Council

Audit and Governance Committee

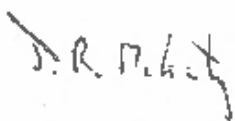
Meeting: Monday, 4th March 2024 at 6.30 pm in Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks, Gloucester, GL1 2EP

Membership:	Cllrs. Wilson (Chair), Gravells MBE (Vice-Chair), Bowkett, Brooker, Durdey, Morgan, Patel, Sawyer and Tervet
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AGENDA

1.	APOLOGIES To receive any apologies for absence.
2.	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive from Members, declarations of the existence of any disclosable pecuniary, or nonpecuniary, interests and the nature of those interests in relation to any agenda item. Please see Agenda Notes
3.	MINUTES (Pages 5 - 8) To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2024.
4.	PUBLIC QUESTION TIME (15 MINUTES) The opportunity is given to members of the public to put questions to the Chair provided that questions do not contravene the provisions set out Council Procedure Rule 10.01. To ask a question at this meeting, please submit it to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on 28 Wednesday or telephone 01452 396203 for support. Questions and responses will be published at least 24 hours before the meeting. Supplementary questions may be put and answered during the meeting, subject to the relevant time limit.
5.	PETITIONS AND DEPUTATIONS (15 MINUTES) The opportunity is given to members of the public to present a petition or deputation provided that any such petition or deputation does not contravene the provisions set out Council Procedure Rule 11.01. To present a petition or deputation at this meeting, please provide the subject matter to democratic.services@gloucester.gov.uk by 12 noon on 28 Wednesday or telephone 01452 396203 for support.
6.	EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

	To receive a verbal update from the external auditors.
7.	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021-22 (Pages 9 - 94) To receive the accounts for 2021-22
8.	INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT 2023/24 (Pages 95 - 120) To receive the quarterly progress report on Internal Audit activity. Includes the final audit opinion on s. 106 agreements.
9.	DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25 (Pages 121 - 126) To consider the draft plan for the coming financial year.
10.	CAPITAL STRATEGY 2024/25 (Pages 127 - 138) To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources proposing that Members recommend that Council approves the draft Capital Strategy 2024/25.
11.	TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2024-25 (Pages 139 - 176) To consider the report of the Cabinet Member for Performance and Resources seeking Members to recommend that Council approves the Treasury Management Strategy, the prudential indicators and notes the Treasury activities.
12.	AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 177 - 178) To consider the work programme.
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING Monday 15 July at 6.30pm in the Civic Suite, North Warehouse, The Docks



Jon McGinty
Managing Director

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Disclosable pecuniary interests are defined in the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 as follows –

<u>Interest</u>	<u>Prescribed description</u>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the Council) made or provided within the previous 12 months (up to and including the date of notification of the interest) in respect of any expenses incurred by you carrying out duties as a member, or towards your election expenses. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between you, your spouse or civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (or a body in which you or they have a beneficial interest) and the Council (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and (b) which has not been fully discharged
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the Council's area. For this purpose "land" includes an easement, servitude, interest or right in or over land which does not carry with it a right for you, your spouse, civil partner or person with whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner (alone or jointly with another) to occupy the land or to receive income.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the Council's area for a month or longer.
Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to your knowledge) – (a) the landlord is the Council; and (b) the tenant is a body in which you, your spouse or civil partner or a person you are living with as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where – (a) that body (to your knowledge) has a place of business or land in the Council's area and (b) either – i. The total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or ii. If the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you, your spouse or civil partner or person with

whom you are living as a spouse or civil partner has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

For this purpose, "securities" means shares, debentures, debenture stock, loan stock, bonds, units of a collective investment scheme within the meaning of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 and other securities of any description, other than money deposited with a building society.

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