



MEETING OF THE

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Members: Councillors M. Ammer, R. Anwar (Chair) D. Cockburn-Price, M. Stone and D. Whipp and Mr D. Rothwell and Mr D. Whatley

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 28TH JANUARY 2025 AT 7.00 p.m.

AT NELSON TOWN HALL, IN THE WILSON ROOM

Members of the public may speak on any agenda item in which they have a direct interest. Petitions may also be presented.

You should try to make your request in writing or by telephone by 12 noon on the day of the **meeting.** If you are unable to do this, you must make your request prior to the commencement of the meeting.

For further information and to make a request to speak please contact Joanne Eccles Tel: 01282 661654 joanne.eccles@pendle.gov.uk

ROSE ROUSE, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

If you would like this information in a way which is better for you, please telephone us.



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AGENDA

PART I - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

1. Declaration of Interests

Members are reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests.

A Member must declare a disclosable pecuniary interest which he/she has in any item on the agenda. A Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest in any item may not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting and must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting.

In addition the Council's Standing Orders require a Member with a disclosable pecuniary interest to leave the room where the meeting is held while any discussion or voting takes place.

2. Minutes

Enc. To receive the Minutes of the last meeting held on 12th November 2024.

3. <u>Internal Audit Progress Report</u>

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Mersey Internal Audit Agency.

4. External Audit – Short Form Audit Findings Report

Enc. To consider the attached report of the External Auditors.

5. External Audit – Draft Disclaimer Opinion

Enc. To consider the attached report of the External Auditors.

6. External Audit – Auditor's Annual Report

Enc. To consider the attached report of the External Auditors.

7. Draft Statement of Accounts 2023/24

Enc. To consider the draft Statement of Accounts 2023/24.

8. Letter of Representation 2023/24

Enc. To consider the draft Letter of Representation in relation to the Council's Statement of Accounts for 2023/24.

9. Corporate Governance & Risk Management Update – Q3

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Corporate Governance Steering Group.

10. Treasury Management Monitoring Report – Q3

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Financial Services Manager.

11. Exclusion of the Public and Press

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during the next following items of business in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended when it is likely, in view of the nature of the proceedings or the business to be transacted, that there will be disclosure of exempt information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS

12. Exemption to Contract Procedure Rules

Enc. To consider the attached report of the Director of Resources.