



MEETING OF THE

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 29TH JULY 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

LAWRENCE CONWAY, INTERIM 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.

Members' attention is also drawn to the requirements of the Council's Code of Conduct relating to the disclosure of Other Registrable Interests and Non-Registrable Interests.

2. Appointment of Vice-Chairman

To consider the appointment of a Vice-Chairman of the Committee for the Municipal year 2025/26.

3. Minutes

Enc. To approve the Minutes of the last meeting held on 25th March 2025.

4. Internal Audit Progress Report

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

5. Internal Audit Annual Report & Head of Internal Audit Opinion 2024/25

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

6. External Audit - 2024/25 Audit Plan

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

7. External Audit Progress Report and Sector Updates

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

8. <u>Draft Statement of Accounts 2024/25</u>

To consider the Draft Statement of Accounts 2024/25 which have been published on the Council's website and can be found using the following link -

Statements of Accounts | Pendle Borough Council

9. Risk Management Update – Quarter 4, 2024/25 & Corporate Governance Update

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

10. Treasury Management Report – Q4 2024/25 & Q1 2025/26

Enc. To consider the attached reports from the Director of Resources.

11. Exclusion of the Public and Press

To consider excluding the public and press from the meeting during the next following item 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 note the following exemptions to Contract Procedure Rules.