



MEETING OF THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

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

TO BE HELD ON

TUESDAY 24TH MARCH 2026

AT 6.30 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.

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



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آپ کے لئے زیادہ مفید ہو تو براہ مہربانی ہمیں بتائیے۔

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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 11th February 2026.

3. Internal Audit Progress Report including Anti-Fraud update

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

4. Draft Internal Audit Plan 2026/27 including the Internal Audit Charter

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

5. Anti-fraud plan 26/27

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

6. External Audit Progress Report

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

7. Risk Management Update – Quarter 3, 2025/26 & Corporate Governance Update

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

8. Closure of Accounts 2025/26, Accounting Code of Practice update and other related matters.

To consider the attached report from the Head of Finance. **TO FOLLOW**

9. 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

10. Exemption to Contract Procedure Rules

Enc. To note the following exemptions to Contract Procedure Rules.