



Friday, 13 September 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee will be held on Monday, 23 September 2024 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 6.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors:	S J Carr (Chair)	S P Jeremiah
	E Winfield (Vice-Chair)	A Kingdon
	M Brown	W Mee
	R Bullock	J M Owen
	S Dannheimer	S Webb
	K Harlow	K Woodhead
	G S Hills	

## A G E N D A

1. Apologies

To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

2. Declarations of Interest

(Pages 5 - 12)

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. Minutes

(Pages 13 - 16)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 22 July 2024.

4. References

4.1 Deputy Portfolio Holders

(Pages 17 - 18)

Cabinet  
3 September 2024

The Leader had stated an intention to allow for the appointment of Deputy Portfolio Holders, as necessary, following an amendment to the Constitution.

**RECOMMENDED to the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee, and subsequently full Council, to allow the Leader to appoint Deputy Portfolio Holders as appropriate to undertake functions such as those set out in in the report.**

Reason

The appointment of Deputy Portfolio Holders would allow for Cabinet members to have contingency for responsibilities following the added responsibility for the current Portfolio Holders.

5. Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places

(Pages 19 - 22)

To inform the Committee of the arrangements for the interim review of polling districts and polling places which will begin on 30 September 2024.

6. Audit of Accounts and Associated Matters

(Pages 23 - 70)

To note the completion of the audit of the Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 and to receive the Forvis Mazars Indicative Audit Strategy Memorandum for the 2023/24 audit.

7. Going Concern Statement

(Pages 71 - 76)

This report sets out the assessment by the designated Section 151 Officer of the Council's Going Concern status.

8. Internal Audit Progress Report

(Pages 77 - 86)

To inform the Committee of the recent work completed by Internal Audit.

9. Major Projects Governance Dashboard (Pages 87 - 110)
- To provide the Committee with an update to the 'Governance Dashboard' relating to the Council's major projects.
10. Annual Counter Fraud Report (Pages 111 - 124)
- To provide the Committee with the Annual Counter Fraud Report for 2023/24.
11. Review of Strategic Risk Register (Pages 125 - 138)
- To approve the amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the action plans identified to mitigate risks.
12. Quarterly Complaint Report (Pages 139 - 162)
- To provide Members with a summary of complaints made against the Council.
13. Work Programme (Pages 163 - 164)
- To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.