

Friday, 12 September 2025

## Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee will be held on Monday, 22 September 2025 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)

K A Harlow A Kingdon

K Woodhead (Vice-Chair) M Brown

S P Jeremiah J M Owen

R Bullock A Cooper J Couch

S Webb

S Dannheimer

E Winfield

# <u>A G E N D A</u>

## 1. APOLOGIES

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

# 2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

(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

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minutes of the meeting held on 21 July 2025.

## 4. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS AND ASSOCIATED MATTERS

To receive a verbal update from the Council's external auditors on the progress made with the 2024/25 audit of accounts.

# 5. ANNUAL COUNTER FRAUD REPORT

(Pages 17 - 30)

To provide the Committee with the Annual Counter Fraud Report for 2024/25.

#### 6. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

(Pages 31 - 38)

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

# 7. GOING CONCERN STATEMENT

(Pages 39 - 44)

This report sets out the assessment by the designated Section 151 Officer of the Council's Going Concern status. This is in accordance with all the Council's priorities.

# 8. <u>REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER</u>

(Pages 45 - 60)

To approve the amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the action plans identified to mitigate risks. This is in accordance with all the Council's priorities.

# 9. QUARTERLY COMPLAINT REPORT

(Pages 61 - 86)

To provide Members with a summary of complaints made against the Council.

# 10. WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages 87 - 88)

To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.

## 11. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC AND PRESS

The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and

press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

12. <u>Internal Audit Progress Report - Confidential</u>

(Pages 89 - 90)