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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

The **Corporate Governance and Audit Committee** will meet in the **Council Chamber - Town Hall, Huddersfield** at **10.30 am** on **Friday 31 January 2025**.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.

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Kirklees Council advocates openness and transparency as part of its democratic processes. Anyone wishing to record (film or audio) the public parts of the meeting should inform the Chair/Clerk of their intentions prior to the meeting.

The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee members are:-

Member

Councillor John Taylor (Chair)
Councillor James Homewood
Councillor Angela Sewell
Councillor Caroline Holt
Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor Imran Safdar
Vacancy
Chris Jones (Co-Optee)

When a Member of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee cannot attend the meeting, a member of the Substitutes Panel (below) may attend in their place in accordance with the provision of Council Procedure Rule 35(7).

Substitutes Panel

Conservative

D Bellamy
D Hall
M Thompson

Green

K Allison
A Cooper
S Lee-
Richards

Labour

M Sokhal
M Ahmed
S Ullah
B Addy
M Crook
J Rylah E Firth
H McCarthy

Liberal

Democrat
PA Davies
J Lawson
A Munro
A Marchington
A Smith
A Pinnock
A Robinson
D Longstaff

Community

Alliance
A Zaman
C Scott

Kirklees

**Community
Independents**
A Arshad
JD Lawson

Ex Officio Members

Councillor Cahal Burke
Councillor Bill Armer
Councillor Tyler Hawkins

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of the Committee

To receive apologies for absence from those Members who are unable to attend the meeting and details of substitutions and for whom they are attending to the Committee membership.

2: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 6th December 2024.

3: Declaration of Interests

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Members will be asked to say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

4: Admission of the Public

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Committee.

5: Deputations/Petitions

The Committee will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

6: Public Question Time

To receive any public questions.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 11, the period for the asking and answering of public questions shall not exceed 15 minutes.

Any questions must be submitted in writing at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting.

7: Dates of Council Meetings - 2025/26 Municipal Year (Reference to Council) 7 - 10

To consider the dates and times for meetings of Council for the 2025/26 municipal year.

Contact: Leigh Webb, Head of Governance.

8: Report of the Members' Allowances Independent Review Panel 11 - 20

To receive the report of the Members' Allowances Independent Review Panel.

Contact: Leigh Webb, Head of Governance.

9: Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2025/26 21 - 50

To receive the Treasury Management Strategy and consider the Investment Strategy 2025/26.

Contact: Rachel Firth, Finance Manager.

10:	Annual Governance Statement 2023/24	51 - 70
	To consider the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.	
	Contact: Simon Straker, Audit Manager.	
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11:	Audit Findings Report 2023/24	71 - 136
	To consider the Audit Findings report 2023/24.	
	Contact: Grant Thornton, External Auditor.	
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12:	Approval of the Council's final accounts for 2023/24	137 - 296
	To consider the Council's final accounts for 2023/24.	
	Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy.	
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13:	Auditor's Annual Report 2023/24	297 - 344
	To receive the Auditors Annual Report 2023/24.	
	Contact: Grant Thornton, External Auditor.	
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14:	Agenda Plan	345 - 346
	To review the 2024/25 Agenda Plan.	
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