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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 30 January 2026**.

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

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**Samantha Lawton**

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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 Caroline Holt  
Councillor Harry McCarthy  
Councillor Kath Pinnock  
Councillor Angela Sewell  
Councillor Adam Zaman  
Nicholas Booth (Co-Optee)  
Andrew North (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**

B Addy  
M Ahmed  
M Crook  
J Rylah  
S Ullah E Firth

#### **Liberal**

**Democrat**  
J Lawson  
D Longstaff  
A Marchington  
A Munro  
A Pinnock  
A Robinson  
A Smith

#### **Community Alliance**

A Anwar  
C Scott

#### **Kirklees**

**Community  
Independents**  
A Arshad  
JD Lawson

### **Ex Officio Members**

Councillor Bill Armer  
Councillor Cahal Burke  
Councillor Nosheen Dad  
Councillor Graham Turner

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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### 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.

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**2: Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

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**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.

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**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.

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**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.

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## **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.

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## **7: Auditor's Annual Report 2024-25**

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To receive the External Auditor's Annual Report 2024-25.

Contact: Grant Thornton.

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## **8: Audit Findings (ISA260) 2024-25 Report**

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To receive the External Audit Findings (ISA260) 2024-25 Report.

Contact: Grant Thornton

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## **9: Annual Governance Statement**

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To receive the Annual Governance Statement 2024-25.

Contact: Simon Straker, Audit Manager.

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## **10: Approval of the Councils final accounts for 2024-25**

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To consider the Councils audited statement of accounts for 2024-25 including the final version of the Annual Governance Statement.

Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy.

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**11: Treasury Management Strategy and Investment Strategy 2026-27** 361 - 390

To consider the Treasury Management Strategy and Investment strategy 2026-27 report.

Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy.

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**12: Dates of Council Meetings 2026-2027 (Reference to Council)** 391 - 394

To consider the Dates of Council Meetings 2026-27 (Reference to Council) report:

Contact: Leigh Webb, Head of Governance.

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**13: Kirklees Community Governance Review - Stage 1 consultation summary and stage 2 recommendations** 395 - 436

To consider the Kirklees Community Governance review report including stage 1 consultation summary and stage 2 recommendations.

Contact: Nick Howe, Policy & Partnership Manager.

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**14: Agenda Plan** 437 - 438

To review the 2025-26 Agenda Plan.

Contact: Nicola Sylvester, Principal Governance Officer.

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