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Decision Summary

Committee:
AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date:

Committee Clerk:

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND

FRIDAY 24 APRIL 2026

Nicola Sylvester

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Chair

Councillor John Taylor

Councillors Attended

Councillor James Homewood

Councillor Caroline Holt

Councillor Harry McCarthy

Councillor Angela Sewell

Attendees

Samantha Lawton, Service Director – Legal & Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)

Martin Dearnley, Head of Risk & Internal Audit

James Anderson, Head of Accountancy

Philip Jones, Service Director for Homes and Neighbourhoods

Lisa Ramden, Head of Housing & Neighbourhoods

Greg Charnley, Grant Thornton

Co-optees

Andrew North

Apologies

Councillor Kath Pinnock

Nicholas Booth (Co-Optee)

Councillor Bill Armer (Ex-officio)

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 20th February 2026.

RESOLVED –

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2026 be approved as a correct record.

6 Update on the Housing Tenancy Allocation Audit

To receive the Update on the Housing Tenancy Allocation Audit Report.

Contact: Lisa Ramsden, Head of Housing Management and Partnerships.

RESOLVED- That the Housing Tenancy Allocation Audit update be noted.

7 Informing the Audit Risk Assessment for Kirklees Metropolitan Council

To receive the Informing the Audit Risk Assessment.

Contact: James Anderson, Head of Accountancy.

RESOLVED-

- i) That the Risk Assessment document be approved.
 - ii) That the Risk Assessment document be formally submitted to Grant Thornton.
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8 Audit Plan 2025-26

To receive the Audit Plan 2025-26.

Contact: Grant Thornton.

RESOLVED- That the External Audit Plan 2025/26 be noted.

9 Internal Audit: Charter, Strategy and Plan for 2026-27

To receive the Internal Audit: Charter, Strategy and Plan for 2026-27.

Contact: Martin Dearnley, Head of Audit and Risk.

RESOLVED –

- i) That the Internal Audit Charter and Audit Strategy (noting the areas where the council's arrangements might be assessed as not fully compliant) be approved.
 - ii) That the proposed audit plan for 2026/27 (April to September 2026/draft October 2026 to March 2027) be approved.
 - iii) That the resourcing position be noted.
 - iv) That the Head of Risk and Internal Audit makes changes to the Audit Plan as they consider reasonable, reflecting the needs of the organisation, subject to being reported back to Committee be noted.
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