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# Decision Summary

**Committee:** **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**
**Date:** **FRIDAY 7 AUGUST 2026**
**Committee Clerk:** **Nicola Sylvester**
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**Chair**
Councillor Khuram Amjad

**Councillors Attended**
Councillor Stephan Dransfield
Councillor James O'Leary
Councillor Kath Pinnock
Councillor Mark Smith
Councillor Susan Lee-Richards

**Attendees**
Rachel Spencer-Henshall, Deputy Chief Executive and Executive Director for Public Health and Corporate Resources
Samantha Lawton, Service Director Legal and Commissioning (Monitoring Officer)
Kevin Mulvaney, Service Director Finance
Leigh Webb, Head of Governance
Nick Howe, Policy & Partnership Manager
Sean Westerby, Corporate Safety and Resilience Manager
Khalid Razzaq, Principal Health and Safety Advisor
Alexandra Priestley, Assistant Legal Officer
Gareth Mills, Grant Thornton

**Co-optees**
Andrew North

**Ex-Officio Members**
Councillor Elizabeth Smaje, Chair of Overview & Scrutiny Committee

**Observers**
Councillor Charles Greaves

**Apologies**
Councillor Richard Smith, Councillor Maryam Jawaid, Councillor David Birch, Nicholas Booth (Independent Person) and Councillor Bill Armer (Ex-Officio)

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## 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 19th June 2026.

**RESOLVED –**
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2026 be approved as a correct record.

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## 7 Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2025/26

To received the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2025/26.

Contact: Nicola Sylvester, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer.

**RESOLVED –** That the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee 2025/26 Annual Report be noted.

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## 8 Kirklees Community Governance Review stage 2

To receive the 2nd stage consultation and draft final recommendations of the Kirklees Community Governance Review.

Contact: Nick Howe, Policy & Partnership Manager.

**RESOLVED –** That the draft final recommendations from stage 2 of the Kirklees Governance review be approved.

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## 9 Annual Health and Safety Report 2025/26

To consider the Annual Health and Safety Report 2026/26.

Contact: Sean Westerby, Corporate Safety and Resilience Manager.

**RESOLVED –** That the Annual Health and Safety Report 2025/26 be noted.

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## 10 External Audit Progress report and Sector Update

To consider the External Audit progress report and sector updates – July 2026.

Contact: Grant Thornton – External Auditors

**RESOLVED –** That the External Audit Progress report and sector update be noted.

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## 11 Agenda Plan

To consider the Committee's Agenda Plan for 2026/27.

Contact: Nicola Sylvester, Principal Governance and Democratic Engagement Officer.

**RESOLVED –** That the amendments to the Agenda Plan for 2026/27 be noted

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