

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD AT 3.00 PM ON THURSDAY 7 MARCH 2024
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON
STREET, LEEDS

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
3. **EXEMPT INFORMATION - POSSIBLE EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

1. To highlight Appendix 2 to Agenda Item 11 which officers have identified as containing exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, and where officers consider that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, for the reasons outlined in the report.
2. To consider whether or not to accept the officers' recommendation in respect of the above information as set out in paragraph 7.1 of Agenda Item 11.
2. If the recommendation is accepted, to formally pass the following resolution:-

RESOLVED – That in accordance with paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of Appendix 2 to Agenda Item 11 on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the press and public were present there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and that in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

- 4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16 OCTOBER 2023**
(Pages 1 - 4)
- 5. NOTES OF THE INFORMAL MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2024**
(Pages 5 - 8)
- 6. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT**
Lead Director: Alan Reiss, Lead Author: Bron Baker
(Pages 9 - 28)
- 7. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024-2025**
Lead Director: Alan Reiss, Lead Author: Bron Baker
(Pages 29 - 38)
- 8. EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT**
Lead Director: Angela Taylor, Lead Author: Gary Dowson
(Pages 39 - 104)
- 9. TREASURY MANAGEMENT**
Lead Director: Angela Taylor, Lead Author: Gary Dowson
(Pages 105 - 112)
- 10. COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING**
Lead Director: Alan Reiss, Lead Author: Caroline Allen
(Pages 113 - 124)
- 11. RISK MANAGEMENT**
Lead Director: Alan Reiss, Lead Author: James Bingham
(Pages 125 - 134)

For Information

- 12. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
The date of the next meeting will be confirmed at the Combined Authority's Annual Meeting, subject to the approval of the proposed Calendar of Meetings 2024-25.

Signed:



**Chief Executive
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**