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GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

MEETING TO BE HELD AT 11.00 AM ON MONDAY 20 JANUARY 2025
IN COMMITTEE ROOM 1, WELLINGTON HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON
STREET, LEEDS

A G E N D A

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**
3. **EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**
 1. To highlight Agenda **Item 10 Risk Management (Appendix 5 Corporate Risk Register)** which officers have identified as containing exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of 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 **Agenda Item 10 Risk Management Appendix 5 (Corporate Risk Register)**.
 3. 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 **Agenda Item 10 Risk Management (Appendix 5 Corporate Risk Register)** 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 for the reasons set out in the report 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 OF THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE HELD ON 4 DECEMBER 2024**
(Pages 1 - 4)
5. **GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND FORWARD PLAN 2024/25**
Lead Director: Alan Reiss, Lead Author: Caroline Norreys
(Pages 5 - 14)
6. **GOVERNANCE, EMPOWERMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY**
Lead Director: Alan Reiss, Lead Author: Caroline Norreys
(Pages 15 - 22)
7. **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS UPDATE**
Lead Director: Alan Reiss, Lead Author: Bronwyn Baker
(Pages 23 - 62)
8. **EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE**
Lead Director: Damon Lawrenson, Lead Author: Gary Dowson
(Pages 63 - 68)
9. **DRAFT TREASURY MANAGEMENT STATEMENT AND GENERAL RESERVES STRATEGY**
Lead Director: Damon Lawrenson, Lead Author: Gary Dowson
(Pages 69 - 86)
10. **RISK MANAGEMENT**
Lead Director: Caroline Norreys, Lead Author: Ismail Mayat
(Pages 87 - 120)
11. **COMPLIANCE AND MONITORING REPORT**
Lead Director: Caroline Norreys, Lead Author: Natalie Rotherham
(Pages 121 - 134)

For Information

12. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
The date of the next meeting will be 28 April 2025.

Signed:



**Chief Executive
West Yorkshire Combined Authority**