

Date of meeting Monday, 7th April, 2025
Time 7.00 pm
Venue Astley Room - Castle
Contact Geoff Durham



**NEWCASTLE
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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Castle House
Barracks Road
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Audit and Standards Committee

AGENDA

OPEN AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive Declarations of Interest from Members on items included in the agenda
- 3 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** **(Pages 3 - 6)**
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting(s).
- 4 **EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25 - KPMG** **(Pages 7 - 38)**
- 5 **PROPOSED INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY & PLAN 2025/26** **(Pages 39 - 72)**
- 6 **INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 2025/26** **(Pages 73 - 102)**
- 7 **CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT** **(Pages 103 - 144)**
- 8 **NATIONAL FRAUD INITIATIVE** **(Pages 145 - 148)**
- 9 **COUNTER FRAUD ARRANGEMENTS 2025/26** **(Pages 149 - 190)**
- 10 **WORK PROGRAMME** **(Pages 191 - 196)**
- 11 **URGENT BUSINESS**
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

Members: Councillors P Waring (Chair), Burnett-Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Holland, Whieldon, Stubbs, Lewis and Reece

Members of the Council: If you identify any personal training/development requirements from any of the items included in this agenda or through issues raised during the meeting, please bring them to the attention of the Democratic Services Officer at the close of the meeting.

Meeting Quorums : Where the total membership of a committee is 12 Members or less, the quorum will be 3 members.... Where the total membership is more than 12 Members, the quorum will be one quarter of the total membership.

SUBSTITUTE MEMBER SCHEME (Section B5 – Rule 2 of Constitution)

The Constitution provides for the appointment of Substitute members to attend Committees. The named Substitutes for this meeting are listed below:-

Substitute Members:	Parker	Lawley
	Gorton	Northcott
	S Jones	

If you are unable to attend this meeting and wish to appoint a Substitute to attend on your place you need to identify a Substitute member from the list above who is able to attend on your behalf

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