

Date of meeting **Monday, 7th September, 2026**
Time **7.00 pm**
Venue **Astley Room - Castle**
Contact **Geoff Durham**



**NEWCASTLE
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BOROUGH COUNCIL

Castle House
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Audit and Standards Committee

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 - 8)**
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting(s).
- 4 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - Q1 2026-27** **(Pages 9 - 40)**
- 5 CORPORATE RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT - Q1 2026-27** **(Pages 41 - 70)**
- 6 HEALTH & SAFETY ANNUAL REPORT 2025-26** **(Pages 71 - 86)**
- 7 CODE OF CONDUCT AND STANDARDS REPORT** **(Pages 87 - 102)**
- 8 WORK PROGRAMME** **(Pages 103 - 106)**
- 9 URGENT BUSINESS**
To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972
- 10 DISCLOSURE OF EXEMPT INFORMATION**
To resolve that the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following reports, because it is likely that there will be disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972; and to note that the qualification requested in paragraph 10 of the legislation is met, as the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.
- 11 CONFIDENTIAL ITEM - THIRD PARTY ACCESS FINAL AUDIT** **(Pages 107 - 120)**
REPORT 2025-26

Members: Councillors Tift (Chair), SainReiners (Vice-Chair), Lefroy, Saxton, Stevenson, S Tagg and Whieldon

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