

Crawley Borough Council

Audit Committee

Agenda for the **Audit Committee** which will be held in **Ashurst Main Hall - The Charis Centre**, on **Tuesday, 14 December 2021** at **7.00 pm**

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Councillors

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Part A Business (Open to the Public)

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1. Apologies for Absence	
2. Disclosures of Interest	
In accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, councillors are reminded that it is a requirement to declare interests where appropriate.	
3. Minutes	5 - 10
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Audit Committee held on 19 July 2021.	
4. Public Question Time	
To answer any questions asked by the public which relate to an item on this agenda and which are in line with the Council's Constitution.	
Public Question Time will be concluded by the Chair when all questions have been answered or on the expiry of a period of 15 minutes, whichever is the earlier.	
5. Fraud and Investigation Team Report	11 - 14
To consider report FIN/546 of the Operational Benefits and Corporate Fraud Manager.	
6. Provision of Internal Audit Services	15 - 18
To consider report FIN/540 of the Head of Corporate Finance.	
7. Internal Audit Progress Report	19 - 24
To consider report FIN/542 of the Head of Corporate Finance.	

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<p>8. Outcome of PSAA Review of External Audit Fees 2019/2020</p> <p>The Committee will be aware that additional fees of £40,531 were proposed by Crawley Borough Council's external Auditors (Ernst & Young LLP) for audit year 2019/20. These fees were challenged with the Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) Limited by the Chair of the Audit Committee and the Head of Corporate Finance. Having reviewed that fee variation proposal by Ernst & Young LLP, PSAA have concluded that a variation of £22,634 is appropriate (i.e. reducing the auditor's proposal by £17,897).</p> <p>A breakdown of the amounts approved is attached report FIN/550.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the Committee note the Fee Variation Statement for 2019/20.</p>	25 - 26
<p>9. Provision of External Audit Services</p> <p>To consider report FIN/548 of the Head of Corporate Finance.</p>	27 - 40
<p>10. Risk Management Update</p> <p>To consider report FIN/545 of the Head of Corporate Finance.</p>	41 - 66
<p>11. Risk Management Strategy</p> <p>To consider report FIN/536 of the Head of Corporate Finance.</p>	67 - 72
<p>12. Update - Audit Planning Report for Year Ended 31 March 2021</p> <p>To consider report FIN/547 from Ernst and Young on the Audit Planning Report for the year ended 31 March 2021.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>That the Update – Audit Planning Report for Year Ended 31 March 2021 be received and noted.</p>	73 - 78
<p>13. Approval of the 2020/2021 Statement of Accounts</p> <p>To consider report FIN/544 of the Head of Corporate Finance.</p>	79 - 254

14. Supplemental Agenda

Any urgent item(s) complying with Section 100(B) of the Local Government Act 1972.

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