AGENDA

Committee	-	**GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**
Date & Time	-	Thursday, 13 November 2025 at 6.30 pm
Venue	-	Meeting Room 1, Council Offices, Priory Road, Spalding

Membership of the Governance and Audit Committee:

Councillors: A C Beal (Chairman), C J T H Brewis, M Geaney (Vice-Chairman), A Harrison, S Hutchinson, S-A Slade and T Sneath

Independent Co-opted Persons: A Cartwright and G Hall

Quorum 3.

Persons attending the meeting are requested to turn off mobile telephones

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1.	Apologies for absence.	
2.	Declaration of Interests - (Where a member has a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest the Councillor must declare the interest to the meeting and leave the room without participating in any discussion or making a statement on the item, except where a member is permitted to remain as a result of a grant of dispensation).	
3.	Minutes - To sign as a correct record the minutes of the Governance and Audit Committee meeting held on 11 September 2025 (enclosed).	(Pages 5 - 14)
4.	Actions - An update on actions that arose at the 11 September 2025 Governance and Audit Committee meeting and the tracking of outstanding actions (enclosed).	(Pages 15 - 18)
5.	Counter Fraud, Bribery & Anti-Corruption Policy - To update the Counter Fraud, Bribery and Corruption Policy for the Council and align the document so the Policy is the same across the Partnership (report of the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) enclosed).	(Pages 19 - 36)
6.	Draft External Auditor's Year End Audit Progress Report for South Holland District Council 2024/25 - To consider the report of KPMG (enclosed).	(Pages 37 - 94)
7.	Draft External Auditor's Annual Report For South Holland District Council 2024/25 - To consider the report of KPMG (enclosed).	(Pages 95 - 116)
8.	Financial Statements 2024/25 - To seek approval of the audited Financial Statements 2024/25 for publication (report of the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) enclosed).	(Pages 117 - 254)
9.	2025/26 Mid-Term Treasury Report - To provide Members with an update on Treasury Management performance and activity to ensure best practice is maintained (report of the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer) enclosed).	(Pages 255 - 274)
10.	Information Governance Annual Update 2024/25 - To advise members in respect to the Council’s activity and compliance with Data Protection, Environmental Information Regulation and Freedom of Information requirements (report of the Group Information Manager and Deputy Data Protection Officer enclosed).	(Pages 275 - 282)
11.	Annual Governance Statement – Action Plan update -	(Pages

To note the Annual Governance Statement Action Plan update. 283 - 284)

12. Proposed Amendments to the Council's Contract Procedure Rules - To introduce a new updated version of the Contract Procedure Rules (report of the Assistant Director – Governance (Monitoring Officer) enclosed). (Pages 285 - 346)

13. Governance and Audit Committee Work Programme - To set out the Work Programme of the Governance and Audit Committee (report of the Democratic Services Manager enclosed). (Pages 347 - 358)

14. Any other items which the Chairman decides are urgent. -

NOTE: No other business is permitted unless by reason of special circumstances, which shall be specified in the minutes, the Chairman is of the opinion that the item(s) should be considered as a matter of urgency.