



**WATFORD
BOROUGH
COUNCIL**



AUDIT COMMITTEE

28 July 2022

7.00 pm

Town Hall, Watford

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Committee Membership

Councillor M Hofman (Chair)

Councillor M Devonish (Vice-Chair)

Councillors K Clarke-Taylor, L Nembhard and M Turmaine

Agenda

Part A - Open to the Public

1. Apologies for Absence/Committee Membership

2. Disclosure of Interests (if any)

3. Minutes

The [minutes](#) of the meeting held on 10 March 2022 to be submitted and signed.

4. Role of the Audit Committee

The Head of Finance to deliver training

5. Freedom of Information Act Requests October 2021 to March 2022 (Pages 4 - 37)

Report of the Group Head of Democracy and Governance

6. Ombudsman's Annual Letter 2021/22 (Pages 38 - 45)

Report of the Group Head of Democracy and Governance

7. Fraud Annual Report 2022 (Pages 46 - 67)

Report of the Fraud Manager

8. SIAS 2021/22 Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report (Pages 68 - 95)

Report from Shared Internal Audit Service

9. SIAS Update Report on Progress Against the 2022/23 Audit Plan (Pages 96 - 126)

Report from Shared Internal Audit Service

10. **Statement of Accounts and Annual Governance Statement 2021/22** (Pages 127 - 159)
11. **External Audit Planning Report 2020/21** (Pages 160 - 207)

Report of the External Auditor
12. **Treasury Management Annual Report 2021/22** (Pages 208 - 216)
13. **Exclusion of Press and Public**

THE CHAIR TO MOVE: that, under Section 100A (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business as 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 public were present during consideration of the item there would be disclosure to them of exempt information as defined in Section 100(1) of the Act for the reasons stated below in terms of Schedule 12A.

NOTE: if approved, the Chair will ask members of the press and public to leave the meeting at this point.