



# Audit Committee

## Agenda

Tuesday, 17th February, 2026  
at 5.00 pm

in the

in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday  
Market Place, King's Lynn and available for  
the public to view on [WestNorfolkBC on  
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Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Member

**Audit Committee**

You are invited to attend a meeting of the above-mentioned Panel which will be held on **Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> February, 2026 at 5.00 pm** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ** to discuss the business shown below.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

**AGENDA**

**1. Apologies**

To receive any apologies of absence.

**2. Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)**

To approve the minutes from the Audit Committee held on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

**3. Declarations of Interest (Page 13)**

Please indicate if there are any interests which should be declared. A declaration of an interest should indicate the nature of the interest (if not already declared on the Register of Interests) and the agenda item to which it relates. If a disclosable pecuniary interest is declared, the Member should withdraw from the room whilst the matter is discussed.

These declarations apply to all Members present, whether the Member is part of the meeting, attending to speak as a local Member on any item or simply observing the meeting from the public seating area.

**4. Urgent Business Under Standing Order 7**

To consider any business which, by reason of special circumstances, the Chairman proposed to accept as urgent under Section 100(b)(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

**5. Members Present Pursuant to Standing Order 34**

Members wishing to speak pursuant to Standing Order 34 should inform the Chairman of their intention to do so and on what items they wish to be heard before the meeting commences. Any Member attending the meeting under Standing Order 34 will only be permitted to speak on those items which have been previously notified to the Chairman

**6. Chair's Correspondence (if any)**

**7. External Audit Results Report 2024/2025 - Ernst & Young (Pages 14 - 75)**

**8. Statement of Accounts 2024/2025 (Pages 76 - 234)**

**9. Annual Governance Statements 2024/2025 (Pages 235 - 269)**

**10. Treasury Management Report (Pages 270 - 283)**

**11. Limited Assurance Audit Report - Community Safety (Pages 284 - 298)**

**12. Internal Audit Progress Report 2025/2026 (Pages 299 - 322)**

**13. Committee Work Programme 2025/2026 and Forward Decision List (Pages 323 - 330)**

To note the Committee's Work Programme for 2025/2026 and the Forward Decision List.

**14. Date of Next Meeting**

To note that the date of the next meeting of the Audit Committee will take place on 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2026 at 4:30pm in the Council Chamber.

**15. Exclusion of Press and Public**

To consider passing the following resolution:

"That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act".

**16. Exempt - Internal Audit Progress Report - West Norfolk Housing Company (Pages 331 - 342)**

To:

**Audit Committee:** S Bearshaw, T de Winton, P Devulapalli, A Dickinson, B Jones, P Kunes, B Long, A Moore and A Ryves (Chair)

**Portfolio Holders:**

Councillor C Morley – Portfolio Holder for Finance  
Councillor A Beales – Leader of the Council  
Councillor S Ring – Deputy Leader and Portfolio Holder for Business  
Councillor J Rust – Portfolio Holder for People and Communities

**Officers:**

Duncan Hall, Assistant Director, Regeneration, Housing and Place  
Emma Hodds, Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer  
Michelle Drewery, Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer  
Carl Holland, Assistant Director for Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer  
Mark Whitmore, Assistant Director for Health, Wellbeing and Public Protection  
Jeannette Hollingsworth, Environmental Health Manager  
Debbie Ess, Senior Corporate Governance Officer  
Teresa Sharman, Head of Internal Audit  
Duncan Hall, Assistant Director for Regeneration, Housing and Place.  
Karl Patterson, Housing Development Manager

**External:**

Representatives from External Auditors, Ernst and Young