Borough Council of
King's Lynn &
West Norfolk

Audit Committee

Agenda

Monday, 23rd November, 2026
at 5.30 pm

in the

Council Chamber, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn and available to view on WestNorfolkBC on YouTube.

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Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Member

Audit Committee

You are invited to attend a meeting of the above-mentioned Panel which will be held on **Monday, 23rd November, 2026 at 5.30 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 - 9)

To approve the minutes from the Audit Committee held on 14th September 2026.

3. Declarations of Interest (Page 10)

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. Audit Briefing - Local Audit Reset (Pages 11 - 36)

1. From Reset to Recovery
2. LG Reserve Risk Assessment Update

8. 2026 - 2027 Corporate Risk Register Update (Pages 37 - 44)

9. Half Year Internal Audit Progress Update (Pages 45 - 76)

10. Business Continuity Annual Update (Pages 77 - 82)

11. Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 Significant and Operational Actions Progress Update (Pages 83 - 96)

12. Annual Report to Audit Committee from Shareholder Committee (Pages 97 - 103)

13. Work Programme and Forward Decision List (Pages 104 - 115)

To note the Committee's Work Programme for 2026/2027 and the Cabinet's 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 25th January 2027.

To:

Audit Committee: B Anota, T Barclay, S Bearshaw (Vice-Chair), T de Winton (Chair), B Jones and P Powers

Independent Members: Sean Beckett and Michael Laird

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

Officers:

Emma Hodds, Chief of Staff and Monitoring Officer
Stuart Ashworth, Assistant Director for Environment and Planning
Carl Holland, Assistant Director for Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer
Matthew Head, Senior Internal Auditor
Teresa Sharman, Head of Internal Audit
Charlotte Marriott, Corporate Governance Manager
Debbie Ess, Senior Corporate Governance Officer
David Riglar – External Auditor from EY