

Governance and Audit Committee



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Tuesday, 16 July 2024 at 10.00 am
Council Chamber - South Kesteven House,
St. Peter's Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Members: Councillor Tim Harrison (Chairman)
Councillor Helen Crawford (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Bridget Ley, Councillor Charmaine Morgan, Councillor Rob Shorrock,
Councillor Peter Stephens, Councillor Paul Stokes, Councillor Mark Whittington and
Councillor Sue Woolley

Agenda

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later date, [via the SKDC Public-I Channel](#)

1. **Apologies for absence**
2. **Disclosure of interests**
Members are asked to disclose any interests in matters for
consideration at the meeting.
3. **Minutes of the meeting held on 19 June 2024** (Pages 3 - 13)
4. **Updates from previous meeting** (Page 15)
To consider updates on Actions agreed at the meeting held on 19
June 2024
5. **External Audit Plan and Strategy for the Year Ending 31
March 2024** (Pages 17 - 48)
To be presented by the Council's External Auditors, KPMG.
6. **Counter Fraud Annual Report 2023/24** (Pages 49 - 54)
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part of its terms of reference, is to monitor and review the counter
fraud arrangements in place and the activities that are being
undertaken to mitigate those risks.

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- 7. Counter Fraud Strategy 2024-26** (Pages 55 - 70)

One of the key areas for Governance and Audit Committee, as part of its terms of reference, is to monitor and review the counter fraud arrangements in place which includes approving the Counter Fraud, Bribery, and Corruption Strategy.
- 8. Whistleblowing Annual Report 2023/24** (Pages 71 - 79)

One of the key areas for Governance and Audit Committee, as part of its terms of reference, is to monitor and review the whistleblowing arrangements in place and action taken as a result of whistleblowing disclosures.
- 9. 2023/24 Statement of Accounts Audit Update** (Pages 81 - 84)

To update Governance and Audit Committee on progress with the closedown of the accounts for 2023/24.
- 10. Draft Annual Governance Statement 2023/24** (To Follow)

To provide Governance and Audit Committee an opportunity to review the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2023/24, attached at Appendix A, ahead of its inclusion within the Statement of Accounts.
- 11. Provisional Outturn Report 2023/24** (Pages 85 - 125)

This report provides Cabinet with the details of the Council's provisional outturn position for the financial year 2023/24. The report covers the following areas:

 - General Fund Revenue Budget
 - Housing Revenue Account Budget
 - Capital Programmes – General Fund and Housing Revenue Account
 - Reserves overview – General Fund and Housing Revenue Account
- 12. Proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution** (Pages 127 - 132)

This report provides the Governance and Audit Committee with an opportunity to consider proposed amendments to the Council's Constitution and make any recommendations to Full Council for approval.
- 13. Work Programme 2024-2025** (Pages 133 - 136)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2024-2025.
- 14. Any other business, which the chairman, by reasons of special circumstances, decides is urgent.**