

Governance and Audit Committee



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL

Thursday, 13 November 2025 at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber - Council Offices, St. Peter's Hill, Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Members: Councillor Tim Harrison (Chairman)
Councillor Paul Wood (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Robert Leadenham, Councillor Bridget Ley, Councillor Rhea Rayside, Councillor Rob Shorrocks, Councillor Paul Stokes, Councillor Sue Woolley, Vacancy (Conservative) and Alan Bowling

Agenda

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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 24 September 2025** (Pages 3 - 10)
4. **External Audit Annual Governance Report** (Pages 11 - 26)
5. **Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 27 - 37)
6. **Co-opted Member** (Pages 39 - 42)
This report provides the Governance and Audit Committee with an opportunity to extend the term of office for the incumbent External Co-opted Member.
It is likely that the Committee will be recommended to exclude the press and public during the discussion of this agenda item because under Section 100 (A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, it is likely, that if they were present, there could be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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- 7. Treasury Management Report Quarter 2 2025/26** (Pages 43 - 50)

Regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 require the Council to produce regular reports on treasury and debt management operations. This report meets the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code).
- 8. Corporate Plan 2024-27: Key Performance Indicators Report - Mid-Year (Q2) 2025/26** (To Follow)

To present the Council's performance against the Corporate Plan 2024-27 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) within the purview of this Committee for Quarter Two 2025/26.
- 9. Counter Fraud Annual Report 2024/25** (Pages 51 - 56)

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 and the activities that are being undertaken to mitigate those risks.
- 10. Safeguarding Annual Report 24/25** (Pages 57 - 67)

In accordance with Article 9 (Regulatory Framework – xxiii) of the Constitution, this report presents to the Governance and Audit Committee the Annual Report on Safeguarding. The report provides an overview of the Council's involvement in the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults for 2024/2025
- 11. Work Programme 2025 - 2026** (Pages 69 - 71)

To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2025 – 2026.
- 12. Any other business, which the chairman, by reasons of special circumstances, decides is urgent.**