

# Governance and Audit Committee



SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL

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Thursday, 25 June 2026 at 2.00 pm  
Council Chamber - Council Offices, St. Peter's Hill,  
Grantham. NG31 6PZ

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**Committee Members:** Councillor Paul Wood (Chairman)  
Councillor Vanessa Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Phil Dilks, Councillor Tim Harrison, Councillor Rhea Rayside, Councillor Peter Stephens, Councillor Paul Stokes, Councillor Mark Whittington, Councillor Sue Woolley and Alan Bowling

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## 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 18 March 2026** (Pages 3 - 10)
- 4. External Audit Plan** (Pages 11 - 47)  
External Audit plan and strategy for year ended 31 March 2026.
- 5. Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 49 - 101)  
Update from the Council's Internal Auditors in respect of progress made against the plan.

*It is possible that under Section 100 (A) 4 of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press will be excluded from the meeting during consideration of this item on the grounds that it is likely, that if they were present, there could be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.*

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- 6. Internal Audit Follow Up Report** (Pages 103 - 114)  
To review and note the update on the implementation of internal audit actions.
- 7. Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26** (Pages 115 - 130)  
Annual report from the Internal Auditors.
- 8. Stock Management Policy** (Pages 131 - 139)  
A draft Stock Management Policy has been developed for consideration and recommend to Cabinet for approval.
- 9. Draft Annual Governance Statement 2025/26** (Pages 141 - 163)  
To provide Governance and Audit Committee an opportunity to review the Draft Annual Governance Statement 2025/26, attached at Appendix A, ahead of its inclusion within the Statement of Accounts.
- 10. Reporting Fraud Whistleblowing Annual Report 2025/26** (Pages 165 - 172)  
Annual report of monitoring and review of arrangements for the reporting of fraud and whistleblowing
- 11. Whistleblowing Policy 2026-28** (Pages 173 - 185)  
To approve the revised Whistleblowing Policy
- 12. Corporate Plan 2024-27: Key Performance Indicators Report - End-Year (Q4) 2025/26** (Pages 187 - 194)  
To present the Council's performance against the Corporate Plan 2024-27 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) within the remit of this Committee for Quarter Four 2025/26.
- 13. Start time of Full Council meetings** (Pages 195 - 202)  
The Governance and Audit Committee is requested to consider the results of a survey to all Members of the Council in respect of start times of Full Council.
- 14. Proposed Review of the Constitution (Verbal Briefing)**
- 15. Work Programme 2026 - 2027** (Pages 203 - 208)  
To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2026 – 2027.
- 16. Any other business, which the chairman, by reasons of special circumstances, decides is urgent.**