

Meeting of: Audit & Accounts Committee

Date: 24th February 2025

Time: 6.30pm

Venue: Council Chamber, The Business Centre, Futures Park, Bacup, OL13 0BB

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ITEM		Lead Member/Contact Officer
A.	BUSINESS MATTERS	
A1.	Apologies for Absence	<p>Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer Tel: 01706 252423 Email: glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>
A2.	Minutes of the last meeting To approve and sign as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 3 rd December 2024	
A3.	Urgent Items of Business To note any items which the Chair has agreed to add to the Agenda on the grounds of urgency.	
A4.	Declarations of Interest <i>Members are advised to contact the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting to seek advice on interest issues if necessary.</i> Members are requested to indicate at this stage, any items on the agenda in which they intend to declare an interest. Members are reminded that, in accordance with the Local Government Act 2000 and the Council's Code of Conduct, they must declare the nature of any personal interest and, if the interest is prejudicial, withdraw from the meeting during consideration of the item.	
B.	COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT	
B1.	Public Question Time Members of the public can register their question by contacting the Committee Officer. Groups with similar questions are advised to appoint and register a spokesperson. This is an opportunity to ask a question about	<p>Glenda Ashton, Committee and Member Services Officer 01706 252423 glendaashton@rossendalebc.gov.uk</p>

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	<p>a matter which the Council may be able to assist with. A time limit of 3 minutes applies for each question and you are only able to address the meeting once.</p> <p>To register for public question time your question must be received no later than 12noon on the day of the meeting by emailing democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk Please give your full name, telephone number and include a copy of your question.</p> <p>Please begin by giving your name and state whether you are speaking as an individual member of the public or as a representative of a group. (Question time normally lasts up to 30 minutes).</p>	<p>Please register an agenda related public question by emailing democracy@rossendalebc.gov.uk no later than 12noon on Monday 24th February 2025</p>
C.	<p>Chair's Update To receive communications from the Chair</p>	Councillor M Smith
D.	ORDINARY BUSINESS	
D1.	Adoption of Unaudited Statement of Accounts 2023/24 in line with Government back stop arrangements	Chris Warren Director of Resources/s151 Officer chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D2.	Corporate Risk Register Update Q3 2024/25	Chris Warren Director of Resources/s151 Officer chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D3.	Empty Homes Update 2025	Rob Huntington Chief Executive robhuntington@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D4.	Risk Management Strategy	Chris Warren Director of Resources/s151 Officer chriswarren@rossendalebc.gov.uk
D5.	Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 Progress Report - December 2024 to February 2025	Mark Baskerville Lancashire County Council Auditors mark.baskerville@lancashire.gov.uk
D6.	External Audit – Audit Completion Report 2023/24	Katie Kingston Forvis Mazars Auditors katie.kingston@mazars.co.uk
E.	<p>EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS To consider passing the appropriate resolution under Section 100 (A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item of business since it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information under Paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Act.</p>	
E1.	Standards Complaints update (verbal)	Councillor M Smith
E2.	Whistleblowing update (verbal)	Councillor M Smith

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rob Huntington', written in a cursive style.

Rob Huntington
Chief Executive

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