# **Argyll and Bute Council**

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#### **NOTICE OF MEETING**

A meeting of the AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBERS, KILMORY, LOCHGILPHEAD on THURSDAY, 23 JUNE 2022 at 12:30 PM, which you are requested to attend.

Douglas Hendry Executive Director

#### **BUSINESS**

- 1. APOLOGIES
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
- 3. MINUTE OF PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 15 MARCH 2022 (Pages 5 10)

**AUDIT ITEMS** 

4. INTERNAL AUDIT AND COUNTER FRAUD SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES (Pages 11 - 18)

Report by Interim Chief Internal Auditor

5. INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT FOLLOW UP 2021-22 (Pages 19 - 38)

Report by Interim Chief Internal Auditor

6. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS TO AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE 2021/2022 (Pages 39 - 126)

Report by Interim Chief Internal Auditor

- Civil Contingencies
- Climate Change Act
- ELC Parental Satisfaction
- ICT Remote Working
- Planning Applications
- School Fund Governance
- Complaints Handling (HSCP Audit Plan)

#### 7. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT

Verbal Update by Audit Scotland

## 8. REVISED 2022/23 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL PLAN (Pages 127 - 148)

Report by Interim Chief Internal Auditor

**SCRUTINY ITEMS** 

# 9. VERBAL UPDATE BY CHAIR(S) OF THE SCRUTINY PANEL

Verbal Update by Martin Caldwell and Councillor Jim Lynch

#### 10. COMMUNITY ASSET TRANSFER SCRUTINY REVIEW (Pages 149 - 166)

Report by Chair of Scrutiny Panel, Martin Caldwell

### **11. FLY-TIPPING SCRUTINY REVIEW** (Pages 167 - 178)

Report by Chair of Scrutiny Panel, Councillor Jim Lynch

# **12. LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SCOTLAND - FINANCIAL OVERVIEW 2020-21** (Pages 179 - 218)

Report by Audit Scotland

#### 13. EXTERNAL AUDIT 2021/22 MANAGEMENT REPORT

Verbal Update by Audit Scotland

#### 14. LOCAL GOVERNMENT IN SCOTLAND - OVERVIEW 2022 (Pages 219 - 266)

Report by Audit Scotland

#### **15. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER** (Pages 267 - 272)

Report by Chief Executive

# **16. COUNCIL 6-MONTH PERFORMANCE REPORT - OCTOBER TO MARCH 2022** (Pages 273 - 306)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services

# 17. LOCAL GOVERNMENT BENCHMARKING FRAMEWORK 2020/21 - ANALYSIS AND COMMENTARY (Pages 307 - 374)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Customer Support Services

#### **18. INTERNAL AUDIT - ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22** (Pages 375 - 386)

Report by Interim Chief Internal Auditor

### 19. REVIEW OF CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Pages 387 - 442)

Report by Executive Director with responsibility for Legal and Regulatory Support

#### 20. UNAUDITED FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS - TO FOLLOW

Report by Interim Head of Financial Services

## **21. WORKPLAN** (Pages 443 - 446)

For noting and updating

# **Audit and Scrutiny Committee**

Martin Caldwell (Chair) Councillor Graham Hardie Councillor Reeni Kennedy-Boyle Councillor Andrew Vennard

Councillor Daniel Hampsey Councillor Mark Irvine Councillor Jim Lynch (Vice-Chair)

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