

AUDIT COMMITTEE – 4 MARCH 2025

Audit Committee

Tuesday 4 March 2025 at 3pm

Present: Councillors Cassidy (for Clocherty), Crowther, Curley, Hellyer, Law, McCormick, McGuire, McVey, Nelson and Wilson

Chair: Councillor Wilson presided.

In attendance:

Louise Long	Chief Executive
Vicky Pollock	Legal Services Manager (for Head of Legal, Democratic, Digital & Customer Services)
Alan Puckrin	Chief Financial Officer
Ruth Binks	Corporate Director Education, Communities & Organisational Development
Morna Rae	Head of Organisational Development, Policy & Communications
Samantha White	Principal Accountant (for Chief Officer Inverclyde HSCP)
Andi Priestman	Chief Internal Auditor
Matt Thomson	Finance Manager (Environment & Technical)
Gerard Smith	Capital Assets Principal Accountant
Lindsay Carrick	Senior Committee Officer
Diane Sweeney	Senior Committee Officer
Karen MacVey	Members' & Committee Services Team Leader

The meeting was held at the Municipal Buildings, Greenock with Councillors Cassidy, Crowther, Law, McCormick and McGuire attending remotely.

The following paragraphs are submitted for information only, having been dealt with under the powers delegated to the Committee.

98	Apologies, Substitutions and Declarations of Interest	98
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Apologies for absence were intimated on behalf of Councillor Clocherty with Councillor Cassidy substituting, and Councillor Reynolds.

No declarations of interest were intimated.

99	Internal Audit Progress Report – 1 November to 31 December 2024	99
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There was submitted a report by the Chief Internal Auditor, appending the monitoring report in respect of Internal Audit activity for the period 1 November to 31 December 2024.

Decided: that the progress made by Internal Audit in the period of 1 November to 31 December 2024 be noted.

100	External Audit Action Plans – Current Actions	100
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There was submitted a report by the Chief Internal Auditor on the status of current External Audit actions at 31 December 2024.

Decided: that the progress made in the implementation of External Audit actions be noted.

101 Review of Local Code of Governance 2024-25**101**

There was submitted a report by the Chief Internal Auditor advising Members that a review of the Local Code of Governance has been undertaken and there were no significant changes identified.

Decided:

- (1) that approval be given to the Local Code of Governance for 2024-25; and
- (2) that it be noted that the Local Code of Governance will be used as the basis for the annual review of the Council's governance framework to inform the Annual Governance Statement 2024-25.