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## **Audit and Scrutiny Committee**

Wednesday, 27 February 2019

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that a Meeting of the **Audit and Scrutiny Committee** is to be held at **Council Chambers, Council Office, High Street, Elgin, IV30 1BX** on **Wednesday, 27 February 2019** at **09:30**.

### **BUSINESS**

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**2 Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests \***

**3 Resolution**

Consider, and if so decide, adopt the following resolution:  
"That under Section 50A (4) and (5) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973, as amended, the public and media representatives be excluded from the meeting for Item 12 of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information of the class described in the relevant Paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 7A of the Act."

**4 Minute of Meeting of 4 December 2018** **7 - 10**

**5 Written Questions \*\***

**6 External Audit Plan for the Year Ending 31 March 2019** **11 - 30**

Report by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services)

**7 Report on the Work of the Internal Audit Section in the** **31 - 58**  
**Period from 1 October 2018 to 31 December 2018**

Report by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services)

- 8 **Local Government in Scotland Financial Overview 2017-18** 59 - 62  
Report by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services)
- 9 **Scottish Public Services Ombudsman Recommendations Report** 63 - 74  
Report by the Corporate Director (Corporate Services)
- 10 **Statement of Outstanding Business at February 2019** 75 - 78  
Report by the Chief Executive
- 11 **Question Time \*\*\***  
Consider any oral question on matters delegated to the Committee in terms of the Council's Scheme of Administration.

**Summary of Audit and Scrutiny Committee functions:**

**Audit Functions** - Consider reports from the Council's internal auditor & Audit Scotland concerning Council Functions.

**Scrutiny Functions** - Scrutinising the policies of the Council and their effectiveness in meeting the action plans of the Council as set out in the Corporate Development Plan and evaluating the actions of Committees in implementing the action plans set out in the Corporate Development Plan.

**Performance Monitoring** - To receive reports on the performance of and trends within all of the Council's services in terms of service standards and performance information.

**Standards** - To ensure that the highest standards of probity and public accountability are demonstrated.

**Item which the Committee may wish to consider with the Press and Public excluded**

- 12 **Social Work Complaints Review Committee - Case Number CO201702 [Para 3 and 4]**

- Information relating to any particular applicant for, or recipient or former recipient of, any service provided by the Authority;
- Information relating to any applicant or recipient of any financial assistance provided by the Authority;

**Any person attending the meeting who requires access assistance should contact customer services on 01343 563217 in advance of the meeting.**

## GUIDANCE NOTES

\* **Declaration of Group Decisions and Members Interests** - The Chair of the meeting shall seek declarations from any individual or political group at the beginning of a meeting whether any prior decision has been reached on how the individual or members of the group will vote on any item(s) of business on the Agenda, and if so on which item(s). A prior decision shall be one that the individual or the group deems to be mandatory on the individual or the group members such that the individual or the group members will be subject to sanctions should they not vote in accordance with the prior decision. Any such prior decisions will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

\*\* **Written Questions** - Any Member can put one written question about any relevant and competent business within the specified remits not already on the agenda, to the Chair provided it is received by the Proper Officer or Committee Services by 12 noon two working days prior to the day of the meeting. A copy of any written answer provided by the Chair will be tabled at the start of the relevant section of the meeting. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

No supplementary question can be put or answered more than 10 minutes after the Council has started on the relevant item of business, except with the consent of the Chair. If a Member does not have the opportunity to put a supplementary question because no time remains, then he or she can submit it in writing to the Proper Officer who will arrange for a written answer to be provided within 7 working days.

\*\*\* **Question Time** - At each ordinary meeting of the Committee ten minutes will be allowed for Members questions when any Member of the Committee can put a question to the Chair on any business within the remit of that Section of the Committee. The Member who has put the question may, after the answer has been given, ask one supplementary question directly related to the subject matter, but no discussion will be allowed.

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Councillor Frank Brown (Member)  
Councillor Theresa Coull (Member)  
Councillor John Cowe (Member)  
Councillor Lorna Creswell (Member)  
Councillor Tim Eagle (Member)  
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