

Cheltenham Borough Council

Audit, Compliance and Governance Committee

Meeting date: 15 July 2026

Meeting time: 6.00 pm

Meeting venue: Council Chamber - Municipal Offices

Membership:

Councillor Adrian Bamford (Chair), Councillor Mike Collins, Councillor Ashleigh Davies, Councillor Chris Day (Vice-Chair), Councillor Callum Eldridge, Councillor Richard Lawler, Councillor Julian Tooke, Mr Duncan Chittenden and Vacancy

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1. Apologies

2. Declarations of interest

3. Minutes of the last meeting (Pages 5 - 14)

4. Public and Member Questions

These must be received no later than 12 noon on the seventh working day before the date of the meeting

5. Internal Audit Opinion and Monitoring Report (Pages 15 - 40)

Report of Lucy Cater, Assistant Director, South West Audit Partnership (SWAP)

6. Approval of the reviewed and updated Proceeds of Crime and Anti-Money Laundering Policy (Pages 41 - 56)

Report of Adele Taylor, Interim Director of Finance and Operations (s.151 Officer)

7. Approval of the reviewed and updated Counter Fraud and Anti-Corruption Policy (Pages 57 - 80)

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8. Standards Report (Pages 81 - 82)

Report of Claire Hughes, Director of Governance, Housing and Communities (Monitoring Officer)

9. Information Requests (Pages 83 - 94)

Report of Margaret Anderson, Interim Governance Risk and Assurance Officer

10. Annual Governance Statement and Local Code Report (Pages 95 - 130)

Claire Hughes, Director of Governance, Housing and Communities (Monitoring Officer)

11. Corporate Risk Register update (Pages 131 - 138)

Report of Margaret Anderson, Interim Governance and Assurance Officer

12. Work Programme (Pages 139 - 140)

13. Any other item the chairman determines to be urgent and requires a decision

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for 21 October 2026

15. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 - EXEMPT INFORMATION

Recommended that:

- in accordance with Section 100A(4) Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the remaining agenda items as it is likely that, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, if members of the public are present there will be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph 3, Part (1) Schedule (12A) Local Government Act 1972, namely:

Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

16. Exempt Minutes, 22 April 2026 (Pages 141 - 142)

17. Confidential Risk Register Update (Pages 143 - 146)

Presented by Margaret Anderson, Interim Risk and Governance Officer

Gareth Edmundson
Chief Executive