



**Summary of the decisions taken at the meeting of Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee held on 24 September 2025**

<b>Agenda Item No.</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>External Audit Update 2024/25</b>  Verbal update on the 2024-25 Statement of Accounts from the External Auditors, Bishop Fleming.	<b>Resolved</b>  (1) That the verbal update on the External Audit 2024/25 be noted.
<b>8</b>	<b>Risk Monitoring Report - Quarter 1 2025-2026</b>  Report of Assistant Director – Customer Focus  <b>Purpose of report</b>  To update the committee on how well the council is managing its Strategic Risks.  <b>Recommendations</b>  The Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee resolves:  1.1 To note the Risk Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 2025 – 26.	<b>Resolved</b>  (1) That the Risk Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 2025 – 26 be noted.
<b>9</b>	<b>Health and Safety Report Quarter 1 2025/2026</b>  Report of Assistant Director of Human Resources.  <b>Purpose of report</b>  To provide the Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee with the Council's Health and Safety performance for Quarter 1 of the 2025/26 financial year.  <b>Recommendations</b>	<b>Resolved</b>  (1) That the Health and Safety Report performance for Quarter 1 of the 2025/26 financial year be noted.

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	<p>The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To review the content of the report.</p> <p>1.2 To provide feedback if any further detail or additional information is required in future reports.</p>	
10	<p><b>Monitoring Officer's Annual Report 2024/25 - Complaints, Conduct &amp; Ethics</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director Law and Governance and Monitoring Officer</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>To provide the Committee an annual report on matters relating to standards and conduct of Members within the Cherwell District at District and Parish level, complaints made to the Local Government Ombudsman and other matters for the municipal year of 2024/2025.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the content of the report, which will also be circulated to all Town and Parish Councils in the district for information.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the Monitoring Officer report including the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Report be noted and it be noted it would be circulated to all Town and Parish Councils in the district for information.</p>
11	<p><b>Environmental, Social and Governance considerations</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)</p> <p><b>Purpose of Report</b></p> <p>To update the Accounts, Audit and</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the contents of this Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations report be noted.</p>

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	<p>Risk Committee on the council's position on Environmental, Social and Governance considerations in line with CIPFA recommendations.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the contents of this Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) considerations report.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Support to Subsidiaries</b></p> <p>Report of Assistant Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)</p> <p><b>Purpose of report</b></p> <p>To inform the Committee of the overall level of support provided to the council's subsidiaries and how this is considered as part of the external audit.</p> <p><b>Recommendations</b></p> <p>The Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee resolves:</p> <p>1.1 To note the report and raise any queries on the exempt appendix.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the report and exempt appendix be noted.</p>
<b>16</b>	<p><b>Review of Committee Work Programme</b></p> <p>To consider and review the Work Programme.</p>	<p><b>Resolved</b></p> <p>(1) That the work programme update be noted.</p>