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9 December 2025

## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the **Audit Committee** will be held on **Wednesday, 17th December, 2025** in the **Council Chamber, Forde House, Brunel Road, Newton Abbot, TQ12 4XX** at **10.00 am**

PHIL SHEARS  
Managing Director

### **Membership:**

Councillors Morgan (Chair), Jackman, Purser, Radford, Ryan, Steemson (Vice-Chair), Swain and Smith

**Please Note:** Filming is permitted during Committee meeting with the exception where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the press and public. By entering the Council Chamber you are consenting to being filmed.

## **A G E N D A**

### **Part I**

#### **Terms of Reference**

1. **Apologies for Absence**

2. **Minutes of the previous meeting** (Pages 5 - 8)

To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 2 September 2025.

3. **Declarations of Interest.**

Information pertaining to the Members' Code of Conduct and guidance relating to declaring interests can be found on the following webpage:

<https://www.teignbridge.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/district-councillors/councillor-conduct/>

4. **Public Questions (If any)**

5. **Members Questions (if any)**

Members of the Council may ask questions of the Chairman subject to procedural rules.

The deadline for questions is no later than three clear working days before the meeting.

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| 6. <b>External Auditor's Audit Findings 2024/25</b>                         | (Pages 9 - 36)    |
| 7. <b>External Auditor's Annual Auditor's Report 2024/25</b>                | (Pages 37 - 78)   |
| 8. <b>Council Tax Base 2026/27</b>  | (Pages 79 - 84)   |
| 9. <b>Treasury Management Mid Year Review</b>                               | (Pages 85 - 90)   |
| 10. <b>Strategic and Corporate Risk Report</b>                              | (Pages 91 - 104)  |
| 11. <b>RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers) Report</b>                 | (Pages 105 - 108) |
| 12. <b>Governance Improvement Plan Monitoring Report</b>                    | (Pages 109 - 126) |
| 13. <b>Internal Audit Update Report</b>                                     | (Pages 127 - 140) |
| 14. <b>Financial Instructions and Contract Rules Waivers and Exemptions</b> | (Pages 141 - 146) |
| 15. <b>Audit Committee Forward Plan</b>                                     |                   |

Details of the Audit Committee Forward Plan can be found here:

<https://democracy.teignbridge.gov.uk/mgListPlans.aspx?RPId=167&RD=0>

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