

AUDIT COMMITTEE

9 FEBRUARY 2026

Present:

Councillors Morgan (Chair), Jackman, Purser, Ryan, Smith, Steemson (Vice-Chair) and Swain
Paul Dodd in Attendance

Members in Attendance:

Councillors Nuttall and Parrott

Officers in Attendance:

Sue Heath, Audit Manager
Gordon Bryant, Head of Financial Services and Audit
Christopher Morgan, Assistant Democratic Services Officer
Petra Caisley, Finance Systems and Transaction Manager
Charlie Fisher, Democratic Services Manager
Beth Bowers, Grant Thornton Representative and External Auditor

60. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

It was proposed by Cllr Morgan, seconded by Cllr Jackman, and

RESOLVED

That the minutes of the previous meeting be agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

61. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST.

None.

62. PUBLIC QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

63. MEMBERS QUESTIONS (IF ANY)

None.

64. EXTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT

The Grant Thornton Representative introduced the item to the Committee.

The Committee considered the External Audit Findings Report. In response to a question on the complex language used, it was noted that the jargon was used across all Grant Thornton reports.

The Committee noted the report.

65. EXTERNAL AUDIT OPINION

The Grant Thornton Representative introduced the item to the Committee.

In response to a question on the statutory recommendations made to Full Council, the Grant Thornton Representative stated that the recommendations would be removed once they were satisfied with the results.

The Committee noted the item.

66. FINAL STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

The Head of Financial Services and Audit introduced the item to the Committee. It was noted that report still used the name Audit Scrutiny Committee however this was likely due to the name change not being finalised until Summer. The Committee also noted work undertaken on the draft Annual Governance Statement and had seen it previously. The Monitoring Officer had also commented on it. The Final Statement of Accounts included financial information on Strata as well as Teignbridge.

It was proposed by Cllr Morgan and seconded by Cllr Jackman that the Committee approves the final statement of accounts, updated Annual Governance Statement and letter of representation for 2024/25.

A vote was taken. The result was unanimously in favour.

RESOLVED

That the Committee approves the final statement of accounts, updated Annual Governance Statement and letter of representation for 2024/25.

The meeting commenced at 10.00 am and finished at 10.45 am.

CLLR SALLY MORGAN
Chairman