

Agenda

Audit and Governance Committee

Date: **Tuesday 29 September 2026**

Time: **2.00 pm**

Place: **Herefordshire Council Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford,
HR4 0LE**

Notes: Please note the time, date and venue of the meeting.

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Agenda for the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee

Membership

Chairperson **Councillor David Hitchiner**

Vice-chairperson **Councillor Mark Woodall**

Councillor Chris Bartrum

Councillor Frank Cornthwaite

Councillor Peter Hamblin

Councillor Robert Highfield

Councillor Aubrey Oliver

Kerry Diamond

Independent Expert - Audit and
Governance Committee

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1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE To receive apologies for absence.	
2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES (IF ANY) To receive details of any councillor nominated to attend the meeting in place of a member of the committee.	
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.	
4. MINUTES To approve and sign the minutes of the meeting held on [insert date].	11 - 18
5. QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC To receive any questions from members of the public.	
HOW TO SUBMIT QUESTIONS	
Deadline for receipt of questions is 5pm on Wednesday 23 September, 2026. To ask a question: Submit your question via the online form , or Write to the Monitoring Officer, Herefordshire Council, County Offices, Plough Lane, Hereford HR4 0LE Questions sent to any other address may not be accepted.	
Accepted questions and the response to them will be published as a supplement to the agenda papers prior to the meeting. Further information and guidance is available at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/getinvolved	
6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS To receive any questions from councillors.	
7. EXTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT To consider the external audit findings report for the year ended 31 March 2026. (Appendix A - Superseded - Please see Revised External Audit Documents supplement)	19 - 80
8. FINAL ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT To seek the view of the committee as to whether the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for 2025/26 properly reflects the internal controls and the appropriateness of actions identified	81 - 102
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10.	EXTERNAL AUDIT - AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26 To present to the Audit and Governance Committee the External Auditor's Annual Report 2025/26 for information and discussion.	249 - 296
11.	INTERNAL AUDIT - PROGRESS REPORT Q2 To update members on the progress of internal audit work and to bring to their attention any key internal control issues arising from work recently completed.	297 - 322
12.	WORK PROGRAMME To consider the work programme for the committee. Report to follow.	
13.	DATE OF NEXT MEETING 2:00pm, 3 November 2026	