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## Guide to audit and governance committee

The audit and governance committee is a non-executive committee of the council. The committee consists of 7 non-executive councillors and may include an independent person who is not a councillor.

Councillor Nigel Shaw (Chairperson)	Conservatives
Councillor Christy Bolderson (Vice-Chairperson)	Conservatives
Councillor Jenny Bartlett	The Green Party
Councillor Dave Boulter	Independents for Herefordshire
Councillor Peter Jinman	Independents for Herefordshire
Councillor Bob Matthews	True Independents
Councillor Yolande Watson	Independents for Herefordshire

The purpose of the audit and governance committee is to provide independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework together with the internal control of the financial reporting and annual governance processes. The committee do this by:

- (a) ensuring the effective and fully compliant governance of the council and in particular to ensure that all aspects of the financial affairs of the council are properly and efficiently conducted;
- (b) reviewing and approve the council's annual governance statement, annual statements of account, the contract procedure rules and financial procedure rules;
- (c) scrutinise the effectiveness of, and management compliance with, the systems identified in the annual governance statement framework;
- (d) monitor the progress made by management in implementing improvements to elements of that framework identified by external or internal audit review;
- (e) reviewing the constitution and recommending any necessary amendments to Council as appropriate;
- (f) reviewing the corporate risk register.