Audit and Governance Committee

Date: Monday, 4 August 2025
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)
Gary Suttle (Chair), Spencer Flower (Vice-Chair), Belinda Bawden, Neil Eysenck, Jill Haynes, Andrew Parry, Andy Todd, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway and Chris Kippax

Co-opted Members: R Ong and S Roach.

Interim Chief Executive: Sam Crowe, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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1. APOLOGIES

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. MINUTES

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 30th June and 7th July 2025.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their decision councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.

If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Representatives of town or parish councils and members of the public who live, work, or represent an organisation within the Dorset Council area are welcome to submit either 1 question or 1 statement for each meeting. You are welcome to attend the meeting in person or via MS Teams to read out your question and to receive the response. If you submit a statement for the committee this will be circulated to all members of the committee in advance of the meeting as a supplement to the agenda and appended to the minutes for the formal record but will not be read out at the meeting. The first 8 questions and the first 8 statements received from members of the public or organisations for each meeting will be accepted on a first come first served basis in accordance with the deadline set out below.

All submissions must be emailed in full to
john.miles@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by 8.30 am on 31st July 2025.

When submitting your question or statement please note that:
- You can submit 1 question or 1 statement.
- A question may include a short pre-amble to set the context.
- It must be a single question and any sub-divided questions will not be permitted.
- Each question will consist of no more than 450 words, and you will be given up to 3 minutes to present your question.
- When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for (e.g., the name of the committee or Portfolio Holder)
- Include your name, address, and contact details. Only your name will be published but we may need your other details to contact you about your question or statement in advance of the meeting.
- Questions and statements received in line with the council’s rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.
- All questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE

To note the minutes of the Audit & Governance Hearing Sub-committee (if any meetings have been held).

6. REPORT OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT 2025/26 - JULY 2025 — 5 - 22

To receive a report by SWAP.

7.	**ANNUAL INFORMATION GOVERNANCE REPORT – 2024/25** To receive a report by Marc Eyre, Service Manager for Assurance.	23 - 50
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12.	**UPDATE ON OUR FUTURE COUNCIL WORK.** To receive an update by Sean Cremer, Corporate Director Finance and Commercial.	
13.	**GRANT THORNTON - IT AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT.** To receive a report by Julie Masci, Grant Thornton.	177 - 204
14.	**WORK PROGRAMME** To consider the work programme for the Committee.	205 - 206
15.	**URGENT ITEMS** To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.	
16.	**EXEMPT BUSINESS** There is no exempt business.	