Audit and Governance Committee

Date: Monday, 29 June 2026
Time: 6.30 pm
Venue: Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

Members (Quorum: 3)
Spencer Flower (Chair), Steve Murcer (Vice-Chair), Belinda Bawden, Neil Eysenck, Jill Haynes, Andy Todd, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway, Ryan Hope and Ray Bryan

Co-opted Members: Simon Roach and Roger Ong.

Chief Executive: Catherine Howe, County Hall, Dorchester, Dorset DT1 1XJ

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1.	**APOLOGIES**	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
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	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 27th of April 2026.	
3.	**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE ACTION TRACKER**	13 - 18
	To consider the Audit & Governance Action Tracker.	
4.	**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.

5. 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 louis.wicks@dorsetcouncil.gov.uk by 8.30 am on 24th June 2026.

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.

6. QUESTIONS FROM COUNCILLORS

To receive questions submitted by councillors.

Councillors can submit up to two valid questions at each meeting and sub divided questions count towards this total. Questions and statements received will be published as a supplement to the agenda and all questions, statements and responses will be published in full within the minutes of the meeting.

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7.	**MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE** To note the minutes of the Audit & Governance Hearing Sub-committee (if any meetings have been held).	
8.	**QUARTERLY RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE** To receive a report from Chris Swain, Risk Management and Reporting Officer.	19 - 66
9.	**AUDIT ACTIONS UPDATE REPORT** To receive an update from Chris Heighway, Strategic Performance, Intelligence and Risk Lead.	67 - 86
10.	**TRANSFORMATION UPDATE** To receive an update from Lisa Cotton, Executive Director for Modernisation & Customer and Nina Coakley, Head of Transformation and Design.	87 - 96
11.	**2025/26 DRAFT OUTTURN REPORT** To receive a report from Sean Cremer, Director - Resources (S151)	97 - 134
12.	**2025/26 STATEMENTS OF ACCOUNTS** To receive a report from Sean Cremer, Director – Resources (S151)	135 - 294
13.	**WORK PROGRAMME** To consider the work programme for the Committee.	295 - 296
14.	**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.	
15.	**EXEMPT BUSINESS** There is no exempt business.	