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## AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### MINUTES OF THE RECONVENED MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7 JULY 2025

**Present:** Cllrs Gary Suttle (Chair), Belinda Bawden, Neil Eysenck, Andrew Parry, Andy Todd, Beryl Ezzard, Ryan Holloway, R Ong and S Roach

**Also present:** Cllr B Wilson and Cllr S Murcer

**Also present remotely:** Dave Warren (SWAP) and Tom Lodder (SWAP)

**Officers present (for all or part of the meeting):**

Sam Crowe (Interim Chief Executive), Susan Dallison (Democratic Services Team Leader), Aidan Dunn (Executive Director - Corporate Development S151), Jonathan Mair (Director of Legal and Democratic and Monitoring Officer), Jonathan Price (Executive Director of People - Adults and Housing), Sally White (Assistant Director SWAP), Rachel Partridge (Acting Director of Public Health), Jennifer Lowis (Head of Strategic Communications and Engagement) and Chris Matthews (Head of Human Resources)

**125. Apologies**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr S Fower, J Haynes and C Kippax.

**126. Declarations of Interest**

No declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests were made at the meeting.

**127. Urgent items**

There were no items of urgent business.

**128. Exempt Business**

Decision

That the press and the public be excluded for the following item(s) in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraphs 1, 2, 3 and 7 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

**SWAP Investigation Report**

- a) The committee considered an investigation report from the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP). The aim of reviewing the independent report was to have an open and honest discussion between members and officers to inform future organisational learning for the Council. Members

discussed the report in detail and considered a number of learning points for going forward. At the conclusion of the meeting the Interim Chief Executive agreed to update the list of actions from the report and to circulate the revised draft to members of the committee.

**Duration of meeting:** 5.30 - 8.42 pm

**Chairman**

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