

A meeting of the
**West of England Combined Authority
Audit Committee**

will be held on

Date: 28 September 2017

Time: 10.45 am

Place: WECA Board Room, 3 Rivergate, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6ER

Notice of this meeting is given to members of the West of England Combined Authority Audit Committee as follows:

Cllr Will Sandry, Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr Brian Simmons, Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr Donald Alexander, Bristol City Council
Cllr Harriet Bradley, Bristol City Council
Cllr Brenda Massey, Bristol City Council
Cllr Mark Weston, Bristol City Council
Cllr Geoffrey Gollop, Bristol City Council
Cllr Jerome Thomas, Bristol City Council
Cllr Roger Avenin, South Gloucestershire Council
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West of England Combined Authority Audit Committee Agenda

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1. ANNUAL BUSINESS

- I. Election of Chair
- II. Election of Vice Chair

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive apologies for absence from Members.

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

Members who consider that they have an interest to declare are asked to: a) State the item number in which they have an interest, b) The nature of the interest, c) Whether the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest, non-disclosable pecuniary interest or non-pecuniary interest. Any Member who is unsure about the above should seek advice from the Monitoring Officer prior to the meeting in order to expedite matters at the meeting itself.

4. MINUTES

As this is the first meeting of the West of England Audit Committee, there are no previous minutes to consider or approve.

5. ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Members of the public can speak for up to 3 minutes each. The total time for this session is 30 minutes so speaking time will be reduced if more than 10 people wish to speak.

If you wish to present a petition or make a statement and speak at the meeting, you are required to give notice of your intention by noon on the working day before the meeting by e-mail to info@westofengland-ca.gov.uk. For this meeting, this means that your submission must be received in this office by **12noon on Wednesday, 27 September 2017**.

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6. PETITIONS

Any member of the public in the West of England Combined Authority may present a petition at a West of England Combined Authority Audit Meeting.

7. TERMS OF REFERENCE

To consider and agree the Terms of Reference for the Committee

8. APPOINTMENT PROCESS FOR INDEPENDENT MEMBER

To agree the appointment process for an Independent Member for the Committee

9. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

To consider the draft internal audit plan for 2017/18.

10. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDAT - VERBAL

To receive a verbal update from the appointed External Auditors (Grant Thornton).

11. TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2017/18

To note the Treasury Management Strategy for 2017/18

12. WORK PLAN OF THE COMMITTEE

To consider and agree the proposed workplan.

13. LAST ITEM: ANY OTHER ITEM THE CHAIR DECIDES IS URGENT

Next meeting: 25 January 2018