



Council Offices, Almada Street  
Hamilton, ML3 0AA

Monday, 23 October 2023

Dear Councillor

## **Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee**

The Members listed below are requested to attend a special meeting of the above Committee to be held as follows:-

**Date:** Tuesday, 31 October 2023

**Time:** 10:00

**Venue:** Hybrid - Committee Room 1, Council Offices, Almada Street, Hamilton, ML3 0AA

The business to be considered at the meeting is listed overleaf.

Yours sincerely

**Cleland Sneddon**  
**Chief Executive**

### **Members**

Elaine McDougall (Chair), Mary Donnelly (Depute Chair), Mathew Buchanan, Alistair Fulton, Ross Gowland, Celine Handibode, Cal Johnston-Dempsey, Susan Kerr, Richard Lockhart

### **Substitutes**

Colin Dewar, Gavin Keatt, Monique McAdams, Helen Toner

## BUSINESS

### 1 Declaration of Interests

- 2 Minutes of Previous Meeting** 5 - 8  
Minutes of the meeting of the Risk and Audit Scrutiny Committee held on 22 August 2023 submitted for approval as a correct record. (Copy attached)

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#### Monitoring Item(s)

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- 3 Leadership of the Development of New Local Strategic Priorities. Best Value Thematic Work in South Lanarkshire Council 2022/2023** 9 - 42  
Report dated October 2023 by Audit Scotland, External Auditors to the Council. (Copy attached)
- 4a External Auditor's Report 2022/2023** 43 - 104  
Letter and report dated 31 October 2023 by Audit Scotland, External Auditors to the Council. (Copy attached)
- 4b External Auditor's Report 2022/2023. South Lanarkshire Council Charitable Trusts** 105 - 128  
Letter and report dated 31 October 2023 by Audit Scotland, External Auditors to the Council. (Copy attached)

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#### Item(s) for Decision

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- 5 Audited Annual Accounts 2022/2023** 129 - 132  
Report dated 12 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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#### Item(s) for Noting

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- 6 2022/2023 External Quality Assessment of Internal Audit Service** 133 - 156  
Report dated 13 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)
- 7 Internal Audit Activity as at 13 October 2023** 157 - 162  
Report dated 13 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)
- 8 Year End Risk Management Report (2022/2023) and Review of Council's Top Risks (2023/2024)** 163 - 172  
Report dated 3 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)
- 9 Audit Scotland Report - Local Government in Scotland Overview 2023** 173 - 184  
Report dated 15 September 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)
- 10 Forward Programme for Future Meetings** 185 - 188  
Report dated 6 October 2023 by the Executive Director (Finance and Corporate Resources). (Copy attached)

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## **Urgent Business**

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### **11 Urgent Business**

Any other items of business which the Chair decides are urgent.

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