

A MEETING of the AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE will be held VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS on MONDAY, 10 MAY 2021 at 10.15 am. Arrangements are in place to stream the meeting for public viewing. Further information and a link is provided on the Council's website.

J. J. WILKINSON,
Clerk to the Council,

4 May 2021

BUSINESS		
1.	Apologies for Absence.	
2.	Order of Business.	
3.	Declarations of Interest.	
4.	Minute. (Pages 3 - 8) Minute of Meeting of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee held on 8 March 2021 to be approved and signed by the Chairman. (Copy attached.)	2 mins
5.	Action Tracker (Pages 9 - 10) To note progress made on the Action Tracker (Copy attached).	5 mins
AUDIT BUSINESS		
6.	Audit and Scrutiny Annual Report (Pages 11 - 28) Consider report by the Chair of Audit and Scrutiny Committee providing Members with the Audit and Scrutiny Annual Report 2020/21. (Copy attached)	15 mins
7.	Internal Audit Work to March 2021 (Pages 29 - 38) Consider a report by Chief Officer Audit & Risk on findings from recent work carried out by Internal Audit. (Copy attached).	10 mins
8.	Internal Audit Annual Assurance Report 2021/21 (Pages 39 - 50) Consider report by Chief Officer Audit & Risk on the annual assurance and audit opinion to Management and Audit and Scrutiny Committee arising from Internal Audit activity. (Copy attached).	20 mins
9.	Counter Fraud Annual Report 2021/21 (Pages 51 - 56)	15 mins

	Consider report by Chief Officer Audit & Risk on the Council's counter fraud responsibilities and an update on the fraud prevention, detection and investigation activity during the year to 31 March 2021. (Copy attached).	
10.	Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 and Annual Assurance Statement 2020/21 to the Scottish Housing Regulator (Pages 57 - 80) Consider report by the Chief Executive on the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 and Annual Assurance Statement 2020/21 to the Scottish Housing Regulator. (Copy attached).	15 mins
11.	Risk Management Annual Report 2020/21 (Pages 81 - 86) Consider report by Chief Officer Audit & Risk on findings on progress made to deliver the Council's Risk Management Strategy. (Copy attached).	15 mins
12.	Any Other Audit Items Previously Circulated.	
13.	Any Other Audit Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.	
	SCRUTINY BUSINESS	
14.	Grasscutting and Biodiversity - Effectiveness of Biodiversity Plans (Pages 87 - 94) Consider report by Service Director Assets & Infrastructure. (Copy attached).	10 mins
15.	A & I Support to Common Ridings & Local Festival (Pages 95 - 106) Consider report by Service Director, Assets & Infrastructure. (Copy attached).	20 mins
16.	Any Other Scrutiny Items Previously Circulated.	
17.	Any Other Scrutiny Items which the Chairman Decides are Urgent.	

NOTES

1. Timings given above are only indicative and not intended to inhibit Members' discussions.
2. Members are reminded that, if they have a pecuniary or non-pecuniary interest in any item of business coming before the meeting, that interest should be declared prior to commencement of discussion on that item. Such declaration will be recorded in the Minute of the meeting.

Membership of Committee:- Councillors S. Bell (Chairman), H. Anderson, J. A. Fullarton, J. Greenwell, N. Richards (Vice-Chairman), E. Robson, H. Scott, E. Thornton-Nicol, S. Scott, Mr M Middlemiss and Ms H Barnett

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