Audit and Standards Advisory Committee

Monday 30 November 2026 at 6.00 pm

Conference Hall - Brent Civic Centre, Engineers Way, Wembley, HA9 0FJ

Please note this will be held as a physical meeting which all Committee members will be required to attend in person.

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Membership:

Members	**Substitute Members**
David Ewart (Independent Chair)	
Councillors:	**Councillors:**
Choudry (Vice-Chair) Bajwa Blackman Brown Donnelly-Jackson J. Patel Perrin	Labour Group: Agha, S Butt, De Souza & Ibrahim Conservative Group: A. Patel and H. Patel Liberal Democrats Group: Georgiou and Want Green Group: Ahmadi Moghaddam and Mitchell

Independent Co-opted Members
Sebastian Evans, Rhys Jarvis and Stephen Ross

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If a Member is aware they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest* in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent and must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item.

If a Member is aware they have a Personal Interest** in an item of business, they must declare its existence and nature at the start of the meeting or when it becomes apparent.

If the Personal Interest is also significant enough to affect your judgement of a public interest and either it affects a financial position or relates to a regulatory matter then after disclosing the interest to the meeting the Member must leave the room without participating in discussion of the item, except that they may first make representations, answer questions or give evidence relating to the matter, provided that the public are allowed to attend the meeting for those purposes.

***Disclosable Pecuniary Interests:**

(a) **Employment, etc. -** Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit gain.

(b) **Sponsorship -** Any payment or other financial benefit in respect of expenses in carrying out duties as a member, or of election; including from a trade union.

(c) **Contracts -** Any current contract for goods, services or works, between the Councillors or their partner (or a body in which one has a beneficial interest) and the council.

(d) **Land -** Any beneficial interest in land which is within the council's area.

(e) **Licences-** Any licence to occupy land in the council's area for a month or longer.

(f) **Corporate tenancies -** Any tenancy between the council and a body in which the Councillor or their partner have a beneficial interest.

(g) **Securities -** Any beneficial interest in securities of a body which has a place of business or land in the council's area, if the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body or of any one class of its issued share capital.

****Personal Interests:**

The business relates to or affects:

(a) Anybody of which you are a member or in a position of general control or management, and:

- To which you are appointed by the council;
- which exercises functions of a public nature;
- which is directed is to charitable purposes;
- whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including a political party of trade union).

(b) The interests a of a person from whom you have received gifts or hospitality of at least £50 as a member in the municipal year;

or

A decision in relation to that business might reasonably be regarded as affecting the well-being or financial position of:

- You yourself;
- a member of your family or your friend or any person with whom you have a close association or any person or body who is the subject of a registrable personal interest.

Agenda

Introductions, if appropriate.

Item		Page
1	**Apologies for absence and clarification of alternate members**	
2	**Declarations of Interest**	
	Members are invited to declare at this stage of the meeting, the nature and existence of any relevant disclosable pecuniary or personal interests in the items on this agenda and to specify the item(s) to which they relate.	
3	**Deputations (if any)**	
	To hear any deputations received from members of the public in accordance with Standing Order 67.	
4	**Minutes of the previous meeting**	1 - 20
	To approve the minutes of the previous meeting held on Wednesday 23 September 2026 as a correct record.	
5	**Matters arising (if any)**	
	To consider any matters arising from the minutes of the previous meeting.	
	External Audit Items	
6	**Accounts Update and Audit Findings Report**	To Follow
	To receive, for information and reference, the final Audit Findings Report for 2025-26 and receive an update on the progress in finalising the External Audit Findings Reports and Council's Statement of Accounts for 2025-26.	
	Finance Items	
7	**Treasury Management Mid-term Report**	21 - 52
	This report sets out the ongoing Council's Treasury Management Activities for 2025-26 updating members on both borrowing and investment decisions in the context of prevailing economic conditions and	

the Council's Treasury Management performance.

8 Treasury Management Strategy 53 - 80

This report presents the draft Treasury Management Strategy for 2027/28.

Standards Items

9 Standards Report (Qtr. 2 update on gifts & hospitality) 81 - 92

The purpose of this report is to update the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee on gifts and hospitality registered by Members; member training provides details on the recent outcome from the Investigatory Powers Commissioner's Office (IPCO) regarding Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) Inspection.

Internal Audit Items

10 Internal Audit Plan Progress Update 93 - 112

This report summarises the activity of Internal Audit Plan for the financial year 2025-26, including an update on work completed since the previous updated provided in June 2026.

11 Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee 2026-27 113 - 136

This report sets out the proposed approach for evaluating the effectiveness of the Audit and Standards Advisory Committee, taking account of updated guidance published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in 2026.

12 Audit & Standards Advisory Committee Forward Plan & Work Programme 2026-27 137 - 138

To review the Committee's work programme for the 2026 -27 Municipal Year

13 Any other urgent business

Notice of items to be raised under this heading must be given in writing to the Deputy Director Democratic & Corporate Governance or their representative before the meeting in accordance with Standing Order 60.

Date of the next meeting: Tuesday 2 February 2027



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