



North Devon Council  
Brynsworthy Environment Centre  
Barnstaple  
North Devon EX31 3NP

K. Miles  
Chief Executive.

### **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Governance Committee will be held in the Barum Room - Brynsworthy on **TUESDAY, 16TH NOVEMBER, 2021 at 6.30 pm.**

**(NOTE: A location plan for the Brynsworthy Environment Centre is attached to the agenda front pages. From the 7 May 2021, the law requires all councils to hold formal meetings in person. The council is also ensuring that all venues used are Covid secure and that all appropriate measures are put in place. There are a limited number of spaces available for members of the public to attend. Please check the Council's website for the latest information regarding the arrangements that are in place and the requirement to book a place 2 working days prior to the meeting [Taking part in meetings \(northdevon.gov.uk\)](http://northdevon.gov.uk))**

Members of the Governance Committee      Councillor Roome (Chair)

Councillors Bushell, Campbell, Henderson, Luggar, Phillips, Topps, Turton and Walker

### **AGENDA**

1. To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meetings held on 8th June 2021 and 10th October 2021 (Pages 7 - 20)
2. Apologies for absence
3. Items brought forward which in the opinion of the Chair should be considered by the meeting as a matter of urgency.
4. Declarations of Interests.  
(Please complete the form provided at the meeting or telephone Corporate and Community Services to prepare a form for your signature before the meeting. Interests must be re-declared when the item is called, and Councillors must leave the room if necessary.)
5. To agree the agenda between Part 'A' and Part 'B' (Confidential Restricted Information).

### **PART A**

6. **Half Yearly Report from the Chair of the Governance Committee** (Pages 21 - 28)  
Report by the Chair (attached).

7. **Appointment of External Auditors from 2023-24** (Pages 29 - 38)  
Report by the Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive (report attached).
8. **Internal Audit Progress Report 2021-22** (Pages 39 - 48)  
Report by Devon Audit Partnership (DAP) (attached).
9. **External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update**  
External Auditor to report.
10. **Audit Recommendation Tracker** (Pages 49 - 70)  
Report by the Chief Executive (attached).
11. **Request for Approval to pay Feedback Compensation** (Pages 71 - 84)  
Report by Customer Feedback and Service Improvement Officer (attached).
12. **Annual Review of the Committee's Effectiveness - Update** (Pages 85 - 108)  
Director of Resources and Deputy Chief Executive to report.
13. **Update Report on the Conduct of Fraud Investigations**  
Senior Solicitor and Monitoring Officer to report.
14. **Work Programme 2021-22** (Pages 109 - 112)  
To consider the work programme (attached).
15. **Exclusion of Public and Press and Restriction of Documents**  
RECOMMENDED:
  - (a) That, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item as it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined by Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of the Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended from time to time), namely information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
  - (b) That all documents and reports relating to the item be confirmed as "Not for Publication".

## **PART B (CONFIDENTIAL RESTRICTED INFORMATION)**

16. **Corporate Risk Register** (Pages 113 - 160)  
Report by the Chief Executive (attached).

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1. The recording must be overt (clearly visible to anyone at the meeting) and must not disrupt proceedings. The Council will put signs up at any meeting where we know recording is taking place.
2. The Chairman of the meeting has absolute discretion to stop or suspend recording if, in their opinion, continuing to do so would prejudice proceedings at the meeting or if the person recording is in breach of these rules.
3. We will ask for recording to stop if the meeting goes into 'part B' where the public is excluded for confidentiality reasons. In such a case, the person filming should leave the room ensuring all recording equipment is switched off.
4. Any member of the public has the right not to be recorded. We ensure that agendas for, and signage at, Council meetings make it clear that recording can take place – anyone not wishing to be recorded must advise the Chairman at the earliest opportunity.
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