



EAST PRESTON PARISH COUNCIL

4th March 2026

Dear Councillor and Parishioners

RE: AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN AND COUNCILLORS ARE SUMMONED to a Meeting of the above Committee to be held on **Monday, 13th July 2026** at Council Office, 122 Sea Road, East Preston commencing at **19:00**.

The Public has the right to attend.

Yours sincerely

Clerk to the Council

To: All Members of the Audit & Governance Committee and other Members for information

A G E N D A

1. Introductions.
2. Annual Appointment of the Chairman of the Audit & Governance Committee for 2026/27.
3. Annual Appointment of the Vice-Chairman of the Audit & Governance Committee for 2026/27.
4. Apologies and Reasons for Absence.
5. Members and Officers are invited to make any declarations of pecuniary, personal and/or prejudicial interests they may have in relation to items on this Agenda, and are reminded they should re-declare their interest before consideration of the item or as soon as the interest becomes apparent.

Members and officers should make their declaration by stating:

- a) the item they have the interest in
- b) whether it is a pecuniary, personal interest and/or prejudicial interest
- c) the nature of the interest

- d) if it is a prejudicial or pecuniary interest, whether they will be exercising their right to speak under Public Question Time
6. A **Public Question Time** of up to fifteen minutes. Where it is not possible to give immediate answers, the answers will be given at the next Meeting or, if preferred, sent direct to the questioner.

Note: This Question Time is the only opportunity for the Public to ask questions and these questions must be related to items on this Agenda.

Members of the public are asked to identify themselves clearly when they begin to speak.

Please be aware, constructive debate and thoughtful challenge should be expected as the council examines and understands the points raised in the meeting as part of the decision-making process.

Members of the public are respectfully asked not to talk during the rest of the meeting unless invited to do so by the Chairman of the Council.

7. To consider the year-end internal audit report for the year ending 31st March 2026.
8. To undertake the annual review of:
- a) Standing Orders;
 - b) Financial Regulations;
 - c) Risk Register;
 - d) Fees and charges;
 - e) Code of Conduct;
 - f) Council Plan.
9. To review the council's insurance policy.
10. To nominate two members of the committee to sit with the internal auditor during the interim Internal Audit, to carry out financial spot checks with the internal auditor.
11. To complete the annual review of the committee's Terms of Reference.
12. To approve the Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2026.
13. To receive an update on any matters from previous meetings.
14. Urgent matters arising, for information only, since the preparation of this Agenda.
15. New items to be referred to the next meeting (23rd November 2026).

This meeting is open to the public. Where possible, members of the public are to be present five minutes before the start of the meeting.

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