

NOTICE OF AUTHORITY MEETING

You are hereby summoned to a meeting of the South Yorkshire Pensions Audit & Governance Committee to be held at Oakwell House, 2 Beevor Court, Pontefract Road, Barnsley, S71 1HG on Thursday, 6 March 2025 at 10.00 am for the purpose of transacting the business set out in the agenda.



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AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE TERMS OF REFERENCE

1. To fulfil the following core Audit and Governance Committee functions:
 - a) Consider the effectiveness of the Authorities risk management arrangements, the control environment and associated anti-fraud and anti-corruption arrangements.
 - b) Seek assurances that action is being taken on risk related issues identified by auditors and inspectors.
 - c) Be satisfied that the Authority's assurance statements, including the Annual Governance Statement, properly reflect the risk environment and any actions required to improve it.
 - d) Approve (but not direct) Internal Audit's Charter and Annual Plan.
 - e) Monitor performance against Internal Audit's Charter and Annual Plan.
 - f) Review summary Internal Audit reports and the main issues arising, and seek assurance that action has been taken where necessary.
 - g) Receive the Annual Report of the Head of Internal Audit.
 - h) Consider the Annual Reports of External Audit and inspectors.
 - i) Ensure that there are effective relationships between Internal Audit, inspection agencies and other relevant bodies, and that the value of the process is actively promoted.
 - j) Review financial statements, External Auditor's opinion and reports to Members, and monitor management action in response to the issues raised by External Audit.
 - k) To oversee the production of and approve the Authority's Annual Governance Statement.
 - l) To report and approve the annual Statement of Accounts and the Authority's Annual Report, focusing on:
 - the suitability of, and any changes in, accounting policies
 - major judgemental issues e.g. provisions
 - m) To receive and agree the response to the External Auditor's report to those charged with governance on issues arising from the audit of the accounts, focusing on significant adjustments and material weaknesses in internal control reported by the External Auditor.
2. Monitor the Authority's Risk Register and Annual Governance Action Plan, reporting issues of concern to the full Authority.

SOUTH YORKSHIRE PENSIONS AUTHORITY AUDIT COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, 6 MARCH 2025 AT 10.00 AM - OAKWELL HOUSE, 2 BEEVOR COURT,
PONTEFRACT ROAD, BARNSELEY, S71 1HG

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