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# NOTICE OF MEETING - AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 23 JULY 2019

A meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee will be held on Tuesday, 23 July 2019 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Offices, Reading. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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	The report describes the Internal Audit arrangements and governance that are in place to ensure that children and education service related risks are appropriately monitored and acted on by BFfC.		
5.	INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL ASSURANCE REPORT		23 - 48
	This report presents the annual assurance report of the Chief Auditor required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations and the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.		
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This report provides an update on key findings emanating from Internal Audit reports issued since the last quarterly progress report in April 2019.

### 7. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER Q1

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This report provides an update on the Council's 2019/20 Strategic Risk Register (Quarter 1), in line with the requirements of the Council's risk management strategy.

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER 8.

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This report sets out a summary of those high and medium risk Internal Audit recommendations which outstanding together with an updated management response.

#### 9. FINAL ACCOUNTS UPDATE

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This report updates the Committee on progress with the completion of the Council's Final Accounts for 2016/17, 2017/18 and 2018/19.

#### 10. **EXTERNAL AUDITOR UPDATE**

To receive a report on the 2016/17 Accounts from the Council's external auditor EY.

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