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NOTICE OF MEETING - AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 15 JULY 2026

A meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee will be held on Wednesday, 15 July 2026 at 6.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Civic Centre, Reading RG1 2LU. The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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This report updates the Committee and reports that the draft 2025/26 Statement of Account has been published on the Council's website by the statutory deadline of 30 June 2026, the formal public inspection period will run from 1 July – 11 August 2026 and the Government has set a backstop date of 31 January 2027 for the external audit opinion to be issued on the 2025/26 Statement of Accounts.	
5. CHIEF AUDITOR'S ANNUAL ASSURANCE REPORT 2025/26	181 - 196
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.	
6. INTERNAL AUDIT & INVESTIGATIONS - QUARTER 1 UPDATE 2026/27	197 - 212
This report provides an update on key findings emanating from Internal Audit reports issued since the last quarterly progress report.	

7.	AUDIT RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER	213 - 228
	This report sets out a summary of progress against the management actions to address the internal audit recommendations for audits assigned a 'limited' or 'no assurance' opinion.	
8.	OFFICER DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY	229 - 280
	Further to Minute 24 of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee on 21 January 2025, this report updates Committee on steps taken to introduce centralised and regularly updated registers of Officer Declarations of Interest and Gifts and Hospitality.	
9.	ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2025/26	281 - 294
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10.	ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2025/26	295 - 312
	A report on the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2025/26 for publication with the Council's financial statements.	
11.	AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT	313 - 352
	To consider the annual report, associated action plan, and detailed feedback on the Audit & Governance Committee's performance and to endorse that the report represents a fair reflection of the year, prior to its submission to Council.	

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