

Audit and Risk Management Committee AGENDA

Notice of Meeting:

An ordinary meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee will be held on:

Date: Wednesday 2 September 2020

Time: 2.30pm

Venue: Council Chambers, Level 2, Civic Offices,

53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Membership

Chairperson Ms Kim Wallace

Deputy Chairperson Councillor Sam MacDonald

Members Mayor Lianne Dalziel

Ms Jacqueline Robertson Cheyne

Mr Michael Rondel Councillor Pauline Cotter Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner

26 August 2020

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Note: The reports contained within this agenda are for consideration and should not be construed as Council policy unless and until adopted. If you require further information relating to any reports, please contact the person named on the report.



Otautahi-Christchurch is a city of opportunity for all

Open to new ideas, new people and new ways of doing things – a city where anything is possible

Principles

Being open, transparent and democratically accountable

> Promoting equity, valuing diversity and fostering inclusion

Taking an inter-generational approach to sustainable development, prioritising the social, economic and cultural wellbeing of people and communities and the quality of the environment, now and into the future

Building on the relationship with Te Rūnanga o Ngāi Tahu and the Te Hononga-Council Papatipu Rūnanga partnership, reflecting mutual understanding and respect

Actively collaborating and co-operating with other Ensuring the diversity and interests of our communities across the city and the district are reflected in decision-making

Community Outcomes

Resilient communities

Strong sense of community Active participation in civic life

Safe and healthy communities

Celebration of our identity through arts, culture, heritage, sport and recreation

Valuing the voices of all cultures and ages (including children)

Liveable city

Vibrant and thriving city centre Sustainable suburban and rural centres

A well connected and accessible city promoting active and public transport

Sufficient supply of, and access to, a range of housing

21st century garden city we are proud to live in

Healthy environment

Healthy water bodies High quality drinking water

Unique landscapes and indigenous biodiversity are valued and stewardship exercised

Sustainable use of resources and minimising waste

Prosperous economy

Great place for people, business and investment

local, regional

and national

organisations

An inclusive, equitable economy with broad-based prosperity

A productive, adaptive and resilient economic base

Modern and robust city infrastructure and community facilities

Strategic Priorities

Enabling active and connected communities to own their future Meeting the challenge of climate change through every means available

Ensuring a high quality drinking water supply that is safe and sustainable

Accelerating the momentum the city needs

Ensuring rates are affordable and sustainable

Ensuring we get core business done while delivering on our Strategic Priorities and achieving our Community Outcomes

Engagement with the community and Strategies, Plans and Partnerships

Long Term Plan and Annual Plan

Monitoring and reporting on our progress

AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - TERMS OF REFERENCE / NGĀ ĀRAHINA MAHINGA

Chair	Kim Wallace (Independent)						
Deputy Chair	Councillor Sam MacDonald						
Membership	Mayor Lianne Dalziel						
	Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner						
	Councillor Pauline Cotter						
	External Members:						
	Mr Michael Rondel						
	Ms Jacqueline Robertson Cheyne						
Quorum	Half of the members if the number of members (including vacancies) is even, or a majority of members if the number of members (including vacancies) is odd.						
Meeting Cycle	Quarterly and as required						
Reports To	Council						

Purpose

To assist the Council to discharge its responsibility to exercise due care, diligence and skill in relation to the oversight of:

- the robustness of the internal control framework;
- the integrity and appropriateness of external reporting, and accountability arrangements within the organisation for these functions;
- the robustness of risk management systems, process and practices;
- internal and external audit;
- accounting policy and practice;
- compliance with applicable laws, regulations, standards and best practice guidelines for public entities; and
- the establishment and maintenance of controls to safeguard the Council's financial and non-financial assets.

The foundations on which this Committee operates, and as reflected in this Terms of Reference, includes: independence; clarity of purpose; competence; open and effective relationships and no surprises approach.

Procedure

- In order to give effect to its advice the Committee should make recommendations to the Council and to Management.
- The Committee should meet the internal and the external auditors without Management present as a standing agenda item at each meeting where external reporting is approved, and at other meetings if requested by any of the parties.
- The external auditors, the internal audit manager and the co-sourced internal audit firm should meet outside of formal meetings as appropriate with the Committee Chair.

• The Committee Chair will meet with relevant members of Management before each Committee meeting and at other times as required.

Responsibilities

Internal Control Framework

- Consider the adequacy and effectiveness of internal controls and the internal control framework including overseeing privacy and cyber security.
- Enquire as to the steps management has taken to embed a culture that is committed to probity and ethical behaviour.
- Review the processes or systems in place to capture and effectively investigate fraud or material litigation should it be required.
- Seek confirmation annually and as necessary from internal and external auditors, attending Councillors, and management, regarding the completeness, quality and appropriateness of financial and operational information that is provided to the Council.

Risk Management

- Review and consider Management's risk management framework in line with Council's risk
 appetite, which includes policies and procedures to effectively identify, treat and monitor
 significant risks, and regular reporting to the Council.
- Assist the Council to determine its appetite for risk.
- Review the principal risks that are determined by Council and Management, and consider whether appropriate action is being taken by management to treat Council's significant risks. Assess the effectiveness of, and monitor compliance with, the risk management framework.
- Consider emerging significant risks and report these to Council where appropriate.

Internal Audit

- Review and approve the annual internal audit plan, such plan to be based on the Council's risk framework. Monitor performance against the plan at each regular quarterly meeting.
- Monitor all internal audit reports and the adequacy of management's response to internal audit recommendations.
- Review six monthly fraud reporting and confirm fraud issues are disclosed to the external auditor.
- Provide a functional reporting line for internal audit and ensure objectivity of internal audit.
- Oversee and monitor the performance and independence of internal auditors, both internal and co-sourced. Review the range of services provided by the co-sourced partner and make recommendations to Council regarding the conduct of the internal audit function.
- Monitor compliance with the delegations policy.

External Reporting and Accountability

- Consider the appropriateness of the Council's existing accounting policies and practices and approve any changes as appropriate.
- Contribute to improve the quality, credibility and objectivity of the accounting processes, including financial reporting.

- Consider and review the draft annual financial statements and any other financial reports that are to be publicly released, make recommendations to Management.
- Consider the underlying quality of the external financial reporting, changes in accounting
 policy and practice, any significant accounting estimates and judgements, accounting
 implications of new and significant transactions, management practices and any
 significant disagreements between Management and the external auditors, the propriety
 of any related party transactions and compliance with applicable New Zealand and
 international accounting standards and legislative requirements.
- Consider whether the external reporting is consistent with Committee members' information and knowledge and whether it is adequate for stakeholder needs.
- Recommend to Council the adoption of the Financial Statements and Reports and the Statement of Service Performance and the signing of the Letter of Representation to the Auditors by the Mayor and the Chief Executive.
- Enquire of external auditors for any information that affects the quality and clarity of the Council's financial statements, and assess whether appropriate action has been taken by management.
- Request visibility of appropriate management signoff on the financial reporting and on the adequacy of the systems of internal control; including certification from the Chief Executive, the Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager Corporate Services that risk management and internal control systems are operating effectively;
- Consider and review the Long Term and Annual Plans before adoption by the Council. Apply similar levels of enquiry, consideration, review and management sign off as are required above for external financial reporting.
- Review and consider the Summary Financial Statements for consistency with the Annual Report.

External Audit

- Annually review the independence and confirm the terms of the audit engagement with the external auditor appointed by the Office of the Auditor General. Including the adequacy of the nature and scope of the audit, and the timetable and fees.
- Review all external audit reporting, discuss with the auditors and review action to be taken
 by management on significant issues and recommendations and report to Council as
 appropriate.
- The external audit reporting should describe: Council's internal control procedures relating to external financial reporting, findings from the most recent external audit and any steps taken to deal with such findings, all relationships between the Council and the external auditor, Critical accounting policies used by Council, alternative treatments of financial information within Generally Accepted Accounting Practice that have been discussed with Management, the ramifications of these treatments and the treatment preferred by the external auditor.
- Ensure that the lead audit engagement and concurring audit directors are rotated in accordance with best practice and NZ Auditing Standards.

Compliance with Legislation, Standards and Best Practice Guidelines

 Review the effectiveness of the system for monitoring the Council's compliance with laws (including governance legislation, regulations and associated government policies), with Council's own standards, and Best Practice Guidelines.

<u>Appointment of Independent Members</u>

- Identify skills required for Independent Members of the Audit and Risk Management Committee. Appointment panels will include the Mayor or Deputy Mayor, Chair of Finance & Performance Committee and Chair of Audit & Risk Management Committee. Council approval is required for all Independent Member appointments.
- The term of the Independent members should be for three years. (It is recommended that the term for independent members begins on 1 April following the Triennial elections and ends 31 March three years later. Note the term being from April to March provides continuity for the committee over the initial months of a new Council.)
- Independent members are eligible for re-appointment to a maximum of two terms. By exception the Council may approve a third term to ensure continuity of knowledge.

Long Term Plan Activities

Consider and review the Long Term and Annual Plans before adoption by the Council. Apply similar levels of enquiry, consideration, review and management sign off as are required above for external financial reporting.

Audit and Risk Management Committee Forward Work Programme 2020

2020	Feb – Draft Annual Plan	Mar - Quarterly	Jun - Quarterly	Jul - Annual Plan	Sep – Quarterly Update	Sep - Annual Report	Dec – Quarterly Update
Quarterly Update Reports		 Risk Management Internal Audit Health, Safety & Wellbeing Procurement 	Risk ManagementInternal AuditProcurement		 Risk Management Internal Audit Procurement 	• Health, Safety & Wellbeing	 Risk Management Internal Audit Procurement
Other Reports		Fraud six-month report	Internal Audit Plan		Fraud six- month report		Annual Review of Work Programme
Annual Report	 Management Letter from prior year's audit 	 External Audit Plan for current year Critical judgments, estimates & assumptions for current year 	 Audit NZ Management Letter for current year interim audit 			• Financial Statements and Annual Report	 Debenture trust audit report Audit NZ Management Letter from prior year's audit
Annual Plan	• Draft Annual Plan			• Annual Plan			
Deep Dive Topic							Risk focus TBC





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1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.

2. Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Members are reminded of the need to be vigilant and to stand aside from decision making when a conflict arises between their role as an elected representative and any private or other external interest they might have.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes / Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on <u>Tuesday</u>, <u>21</u> <u>July 2020</u> be confirmed (refer page 11).

4. Public Forum / Te Huinga Whānui

A period of up to 30 minutes may be available for people to speak for up to five minutes on any issue that is not the subject of a separate hearings process.

5. Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

There were no deputations by appointment at the time the agenda was prepared.

6. Petitions / Ngā Pākikitanga

There were no petitions received at the time the agenda was prepared.



Audit and Risk Management Committee OPEN MINUTES

Date: Tuesday 21 July 2020

Time: 2.04pm

Venue: Committee Room 1, Level 2, Civic Offices,

53 Hereford Street, Christchurch

Present

Chairperson Ms Kim Wallace

Deputy Chairperson Councillor Sam MacDonald

Members Ms Jacqueline Robertson Cheyne (by audio-visual link)

Mr Michael Rondel Councillor Pauline Cotter Deputy Mayor Andrew Turner

21 July 2020

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Part B Reports for Information

Part C Decisions Under Delegation

The agenda was dealt with in the following order.

1. Apologies / Ngā Whakapāha

Part C

Committee Resolved ARCM/2020/00014

That the apology for absence received from Mayor Dalziel be accepted.

Councillor MacDonald/Councillor Cotter

Carried

2. Declarations of Interest / Ngā Whakapuaki Aronga

Part B

Mr Rondel noted an interest in public excluded Item 11, Consideration of the Council's 2020/21 Annual Plan, relating to The Arts Centre.

3. Confirmation of Previous Minutes / Te Whakaāe o te hui o mua

Part C

Committee Resolved ARCM/2020/00015

That the minutes of the Audit and Risk Management Committee meeting held on Wednesday, 3 June 2020 be confirmed.

Ms Wallace/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

4. Public Forum / Te Huinga Whānui

Part B

There were no public forum presentations.

5. Deputations by Appointment / Ngā Huinga Whakaritenga

Part B

There were no deputations by appointment.

6. Presentation of Petitions / Ngā Pākikitanga

Part B

There was no presentation of petitions.

7. Audit NZ - 2019/20 Audit Fees and Debenture Trust Deed Engagement Letter

Committee Resolved ARCM/2020/00016 (Original Staff Recommendations Accepted without Change)

Part C

That the Audit and Risk Management Committee:

- 1. Recommend that the Mayor sign the 2019/20 audit fee letter from Audit NZ.
- 2. Recommend that the General Manager Finance and Commercial (CFO) sign the audit engagement letter from Audit NZ of the Debenture Trust Deed.

Ms Wallace/Councillor MacDonald

Carried

8. Update Report from Audit New Zealand

Andy Burns of Audit New Zealand joined the table for this item.

Committee Resolved ARCM/2020/00017 (Original Staff Recommendations Accepted without Change)

Part C

That the Audit and Risk Management Committee:

- 1. Receive the information in the Audit NZ report.
- 2. Consider the content of this report.

Ms Wallace/Deputy Mayor

Carried

Mr Rondel noted an interest relating to BDO as the auditors for Ōtautahi Community Housing Trust.

9 Resolution to Exclude the Public Committee Resolved ARCM/2020/00018

Part C

That Andy Burns and Karina Page of Audit New Zealand, and Andrew Simpson of KPMG, remain after the public have been excluded for Item 11, Consideration of the Council's 2020/21 Annual Plan, of the public excluded agenda as they have knowledge that is relevant to that item and will assist the Council.

AND

That at 2.43pm the resolution to exclude the public set out on pages 53 to 54 of the agenda be adopted.

The public were re-admitted to the meeting at 3.41pm.

Meeting concluded at 3.41pm.

CONFIRMED THIS 2nd DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2020

KIM WALLACE CHAIRPERSON

7. Resolution to Exclude the Public

Section 48, Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987.

I move that the public be excluded from the following parts of the proceedings of this meeting, namely items listed overleaf.

Reason for passing this resolution: good reason to withhold exists under section 7. Specific grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of this resolution: Section 48(1)(a)

Note

Section 48(4) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 provides as follows:

- "(4) Every resolution to exclude the public shall be put at a time when the meeting is open to the public, and the text of that resolution (or copies thereof):
 - (a) Shall be available to any member of the public who is present; and
 - (b) Shall form part of the minutes of the local authority."

This resolution is made in reliance on Section 48(1)(a) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 and the particular interest or interests protected by Section 6 or Section 7 of that Act which would be prejudiced by the holding of the whole or relevant part of the proceedings of the meeting in public are as follows:



ITEM NO.	GENERAL SUBJECT OF EACH MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED	SECTION	SUBCLAUSE AND REASON UNDER THE ACT	PLAIN ENGLISH REASON	WHEN REPORTS CAN BE RELEASED
8.	PUBLIC EXCLUDED AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES - 21 JULY 2020			REFER TO THE PREVIOUS PUBLIC EXCLUDED REASON IN THE AGENDAS FOR THESE MEETINGS.	
9.	UPDATE ON THE PREPARATION OF THE COUNCIL'S 2019/20 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	S7(2)(B)(II), S7(2)(H)	PREJUDICE COMMERCIAL POSITION, COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES	THE REPORT CONTAINS INFORMATION THAT IF RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC, WILL BREACH THE NZX DISCLOSURE RULES UNDER WHICH CCHL MUST ABIDE.	30 NOVEMBER 2020 FOLLOWING THE ADOPTION OF THE 2019/20 ANNUAL REPORT OF COUNCIL.
10.	QUARTERLY PROCUREMENT REPORT	S7(2)(B)(II), S7(2)(H), S7(2)(I)	PREJUDICE COMMERCIAL POSITION, COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES, CONDUCT NEGOTIATIONS	TO PREVENT INFORMATION BEING RELEASED THAT COULD BE USED FOR IMPROPER COMMERCIAL ADVANTAGE OR THAT NEEDS TO BE WITHHELD TO AVOID PREJUDICE TO THE COUNCIL'S OR ITS SUPPLY CHAIN'S COMMERCIAL POSITION.	DUE TO THE NATURE AND SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMATION, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIFIC DATE OR EVENT THAT ALLOWS FOR THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED IN FULL OR PART, AS APPROPRIATE UPON PERIODICAL REVIEW BY THE HEAD OF PROCUREMENT AND CONTRACTS, WHEN IT IS NO LONGER DEEMED



					TO IDENTIFY SENSITIVE COMMERCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE COUNCIL OR ITS SUPPLY CHAIN.
11.	INTERNAL AUDIT STATUS REPORT	S7(2)(E), S7(2)(F)(II), S7(2)(J)	PREVENTION OF MATERIAL LOSS, PROTECTION FROM IMPROPER PRESSURE OR HARASSMENT, PREVENTION OF IMPROPER ADVANTAGE	TO PREVENT THE USE OF INTERNAL AUDIT FINDINGS AND IDENTIFIED CONTROL WEAKNESSES FROM BEING USED FOR IMPROPER ADVANTAGE.	DUE TO THE NATURE AND SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMATION, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THERE BE A SPECIFIC DATE OR EVENT THAT ALLOWS FOR THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED IN FULL OR PART AS APPROPRIATE UPON PERIODICAL REVIEW BY THE HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK AND WHEN IT IS NO LONGER DEEMED TO IDENTIFY CONTROL WEAKNESSES THAT COULD BE USED FOR IMPROPER ADVANTAGE AND NO LONGER NEEDS TO BE WITHHELD TO PROTECT FROM IMPROPER PRESSURE



					OR HARASSMENT AFFECTING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.
12.	RISK MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT	S7(2)(C)(II), S7(2)(F)(II)	PREVENT DAMAGE TO THE PUBLIC INTEREST, PROTECTION FROM IMPROPER PRESSURE OR HARASSMENT	TO PREVENT IMPROPER USE OR MISINTERPRETATION OF THIS INFORMATION.	DUE TO THE NATURE AND SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMATION, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THERE BE A SPECIFIC DATE OR EVENT THAT ALLOWS FOR THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED IN FULL OR PART AS APPROPRIATE UPON PERIODICAL REVIEW BY THE HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK AND WHEN IT IS NO LONGER SUBJECT TO AN OBLIGATION OF CONFIDENCE OR BEING PROVIDED UNDER COMPULSION WHERE RELEASE WOULD LIKELY DAMAGE THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND NO LONGER NEEDS TO BE WITHHELD TO



					PROTECT FROM IMPROPER PRESSURE OR HARASSMENT AFFECTING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.
13.	FRAUD STATUS REPORT	S7(2)(F)(II)	PROTECTION FROM IMPROPER PRESSURE OR HARASSMENT	TO ALLOW FOR PROTECTED DISCLOSURES AND THE ONGOING EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF CONCERNS RAISED.	DUE TO THE NATURE AND SENSITIVITY OF THIS INFORMATION, IT IS NOT ANTICIPATED THAT THERE WILL BE A SPECIFIC DATE OR EVENT THAT ALLOWS FOR THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION. THE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED IN FULL OR PART AS APPROPRIATE UPON PERIODICAL REVIEW BY THE HEAD OF AUDIT AND RISK AND WHEN IT NO LONGER NEEDS TO BE WITHHELD TO PROTECT FROM IMPROPER PRESSURE OR HARASSMENT AFFECTING THE CONDUCT OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS.