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Audit and Risk Committee

Tuesday 29 September 2026 at 6.50 pm

in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Market Street, Newbury

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Date of despatch of Agenda: 21 September 2026

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West Berkshire COUNCIL

To: Councillors Erik Pattenden (Chairman), Ross Mackinnon (Vice-Chairman), Jeremy Cottam, Laura Coyle, Carolyne Culver, Billy Drummond, Owen Jeffery, Simon Carey and Iain Cottingham

Substitutes: Councillors Adrian Abbs, Dennis Benneyworth, Paul Dick, Alan Macro and Stephanie Steevenson

Agenda

Part I

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1	**Apologies** To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	1 - 2
2	**Minutes** To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 23 June 2026 and the Minutes of the two extraordinary meetings held on 28 July 2026.	3 - 16
3	**Action Log** Purpose: To be informed about the actions taken from past meetings.	17 - 18
4	**Declarations of Interest** To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct.	19 - 20
5	**Work Programme** Purpose: To consider the work programme for the next 12 months.	21 - 22
6	**Planning Constitution Amendments - National Scheme of Delegations** This report asks Council to approve amendments to the Council's Constitution to: a) Implement the National Scheme of Delegation for planning functions, as introduced under the Planning and Infrastructure Act 2025 and given effect by the Town and Country Planning (Discharge of Local Planning Authority Functions) (England) Regulations 2026.	23 - 100

b) Establish a single Planning Committee to replace District Planning Committee, Eastern Area Planning Committee and Western Area Planning Committee.

c) Implement other minor amendments to the Constitution relating to Planning.

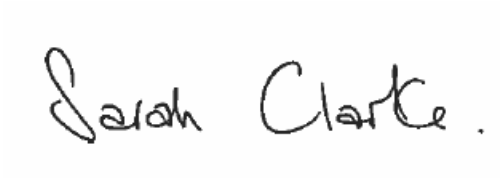
7 **Internal Audit Update Report: Q1 2026/27** 101 - 120
Purpose: To update the Committee on the status of Internal Audit work as at the end of Quarter One 2026/27.

8 **Strategic Risk Register: Q1 2026/27** 121 - 128
To highlight the corporate risks that need to be considered by the Audit and Risk Committee and to outline the actions taken to mitigate those risks.

9 **Exclusion of Press and Public**
RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item. Section 10 of Part 10 of the Constitution refers.

Part II

10 **Strategic Risk Register - Q1 2026-27** 129 - 158
(Paragraph 3 – information relating to financial/business affairs of particular person)
(Paragraph 5 – information relating to legal privilege)
(Paragraph 5 – information relating to proposed action to be taken by the Local Authority)



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