

Agenda Item
Council – 8th September 2026
Recommendation from Audit
and Procurement Committee
27th July 2026

Coventry City Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Audit and Procurement Committee held at
2.00 pm on Monday, 27 July 2026

Present:

Members: Councillor S Nazir (Chair)
Councillor A Bryant
Councillor M Heaven
Councillor C Phillips
Councillor H Rehman
Councillor K Sandhu (Deputy Chair)

Other Members: Councillor F Beechey

Employees (by Directorate):

Finance and Resources B Hastie (Director of Finance and Resources), S Kinsell,
K Tyler, H Williamson

Law, Governance and Safer Communities L Knight

People and Facilities S Chilton (Director of People and Facilities), N Powell

Apologies: Councillor R Brown

RECOMMENDATION

13. Audit and Procurement Committee Annual Report to Council 2025-26

The Audit and Procurement Committee considered its Annual Report to Council that provided an overview of its activity during 2025/2026. The report would be submitted to Council at its meeting on 8th September 2026.

The report included an introduction by the Chair, Councillor S Nazir, who was appointed to the Committee in May 2026. The report indicated that the Audit and Procurement Committee was a key component of the Council's governance framework, supporting good governance and strong public financial management. Over the last year, the Committee had continued to discharge its key responsibility effectively, namely providing independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework, the internal control environment and the integrity of the Council's financial reporting and governance processes. The report demonstrated

the vital role carried out by the Committee and the contribution that it made to the Council's overall governance arrangements.

The Committee received a range of routine reports based on the clearly defined expectations of services / functions that reported to it, e.g. internal / external audit and financial management. It also received ad-hoc reports which focussed on either a specific concern or developments that impacted directly on the Committee.

The report detailed the Committee's activity in 2025/26 in the following areas: Governance; Financial Management and Accounting; External Audit; Internal Audit; Fraud and Error; Procurement and Salaries. Reports considered during this period which were linked to risk management, internal control and governance, included: Whistleblowing Annual Report 2024/25; Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 Annual Compliance Report; Complaints to the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman 2024/25; Corporate Risk Register; Information Governance Annual Report 2024/25; and Coventry Municipal Holdings Group Accounts.

The report also detailed priorities for the Committee for 2026/27 which included:

- Ensuring there are adequate opportunities for the training and development of Councillors on the Committee;
- The Council has appropriate arrangements in place to ensure the timetable for the publication of the 2025/26 unaudited and audited Statement of Accounts is met and work on rebuilding audit assurance is appropriately progressed.

RESOLVED that, the Audit and Procurement Committee recommends that Council considers the Audit and Procurement Committee Annual Report 2025/26 at their meeting on 8th September 2026.

(Meeting closed at 2.50 pm)