



## Audit and Governance Board

Wednesday, 19 March 2025 at 6.30 p.m.  
The Board Room - Municipal Building,  
Widnes

S. Young

**Chief Executive**

### **BOARD MEMBERSHIP**

Councillor Rob Polhill (Chair)	Labour
Councillor Andrea Wall (Vice-Chair)	Labour
Councillor John Abbott	Labour
Councillor Victoria Begg	Labour
Councillor Neil Connolly	Labour
Councillor Eddie Dourley	Labour
Councillor Robert Gilligan	Labour
Councillor Tony McDermott	Labour
Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh	Labour
Councillor Margaret Ratcliffe	Liberal Democrats
Councillor Pamela Wallace	Labour

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*The next meeting of the Board is on Wednesday, 25 June 2025*

**ITEMS TO BE DEALT WITH  
IN THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC**

**Part I**

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<b>2. DECLARATION OF INTEREST</b>	
Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Other Disclosable Interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached or as soon as the interest becomes apparent and, with Disclosable Pecuniary interests, to leave the meeting during any discussion or voting on the item.	
<b>3. STANDARDS UPDATE</b>	<b>7 - 9</b>
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<b>6. SCHEDULE 12A OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972 AND THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985</b>	

**PART II**

In this case the Board has a discretion to exclude the press and public and, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, it is **RECOMMENDED** that under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, having been satisfied that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

<b>7. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT</b>	<b>59 - 258</b>
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