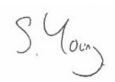


Please note venue Audit and Governance Board

Wednesday, 20 March 2024 at 6.30 p.m. Boardroom - Municipal Building, Widnes



Chief Executive

BOARD MEMBERSHIP

Councillor Rob Polhill (Chair)

Councillor Andrea Wall (Vice-Chair)

Councillor John Abbott

Councillor Victoria Begg

Councillor Laura Bevan

Councillor John Bradshaw

Labour

Conservative

Councillor Eddie Dourley

Councillor Robert Gilligan

Councillor Tony McDermott

Councillor Norman Plumpton Walsh

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The next meeting of the Board is on 26 June 2024

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| | 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. | |
| 10. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT | | |

In accordance with the Health and Safety at Work Act the Council is required to notify those attending meetings of the fire evacuation procedures. A copy has previously been circulated to Members and instructions are located in all rooms within the Civic block.