



Audit Committee Policy

Local Government Act 2009

1. POLICY STATEMENT

Council has resolved to adopt a policy to establish an Audit Committee in accordance with section 105 of the *Local Government Act 2009* and sections 208 to 211 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012*.

2. PRINCIPLES

The Audit Committee provides an independent forum where representatives of Council, independent specialists and management work together to fulfill specific governance responsibilities as set out in the Terms of Reference.

3. SCOPE

The responsibilities of the Audit Committee are outlined in the Audit Committee terms of reference.

4. RESPONSIBILITY

The Audit Committee is an advisory body only and has no line of authority however the Committee has full right of access to all levels of management through the Chief Executive Officer.

Audit Committee reports to Full Council through the Business Services and Finance Committee.

The Terms of Reference sets out the specific responsibilities as defined in section 105 (4) of the *Local Government Act 2009* and section 211 (1) of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* delegated by Council to the Audit Committee and details the manner in which the Audit Committee will operate.

5. DEFINITIONS

Manager – includes persons appointed to positions including the title, Team Manager, General Manager, Principal, Director and Chief.

Workers – includes employees, contractors, volunteers and all others who perform work on behalf of Council.

6. POLICY

Under section 105 (2) of the *Local Government Act* and sections 208 to 211 of the *Local Government Regulation 2012* Council will establish an Audit Committee to contribute to the improved performance of the organisation by enhancing the quality of governance.

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7. LEGAL PARAMETERS

Local Government Act 2009

Local Government Regulations 2012

8. ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS

Audit Committee Terms of Reference

Internal Audit Policy

Internal Audit Charter

Internal Audit Manual

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