

AGENDA

Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

A meeting of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee will take place as follows:

Date: Wednesday 11 March 2026

Time: 2pm

Venue: Videoconference (Microsoft Teams)

Please contact the Committee Secretary by email to secretariat@hcpc-uk.org if you are unable to attend or in the case of any enquiries.

	Lead	Format	Time
Public meeting			
1. Welcome and introduction	Committee Chair	Verbal	2.00
2. Apologies for absence	Committee Secretary	Verbal	
3. Approval of agenda To approve the agenda, including agreement to any change to the order of business at the meeting	Committee Chair	Verbal	
4. Declaration of members' interests in relation to agenda items To disclose any personal interest in any matter under consideration at the meeting, whether or not declared previously	Committee Chair	Verbal	
5. Minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting held in public on 20 November 2025 To approve	Committee Secretary	Paper	2.05
6. Matters arising To note the responses to the actions from the previous meeting(s) held in public	Committee Secretary	Paper	

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Risk and assurance			
7. Strategic risk register To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Paper	2.10
8. Strategic risk deep dive: strategic risk register and corporate strategy risks To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Presentation	2.15
9. Unified assurance report To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Paper	2.30
10. Fraud and anti-bribery policy To approve	Chief Information Security and Risk Officer	Paper	2.40
11. Speaking up (whistleblowing) policy update To recommend to the Council	Head of Governance	Paper	2.55
Internal audit			
12. Internal audit reports: • Business Central To discuss	BDO LLP	Paper	3.00
13. Internal audit progress report To discuss	BDO LLP	Paper	3.10
14. Internal audit plan 2026-27 To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance/RSM	Paper	3.15
15. Internal audit recommendations tracker To note	Improvement and Compliance Specialist	Paper	3.25
16. Internal auditor appointment To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Verbal	3.30
Break 3.35-3.45			
External audit and annual report and accounts			
17. External audit planning report 2025-26 (including fees) To discuss	NAO	Paper	3.45

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18. Annual report and accounts update To note the update	Executive Director of Resources	Verbal	3.55
19. Review of accounting policies and significant judgments and estimations To discuss	Financial Controller	Verbal	4.00
Governance			
20. Committee forward plan To note	Committee Secretary	Paper	4.05
21. Resolution to move the meeting to private session To resolve that the remainder of the meeting will be held in private because the matters being discussed relate to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • matters which, in the opinion of the Chair, are confidential or the public disclosure of which would prejudice the effective discharge of the Committee's or Council's functions; or • action being taken to prevent or detect crime or to prosecute offenders in the case of item 24. 	Committee Chair	Verbal	
Private meeting			
22. Minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting held in private on 20 November 2025 To approve	Committee Secretary	Paper	4.10
23. Matters arising To note the responses to the actions from the previous meeting(s) held in private	Committee Secretary	Paper	4.15
24. Unified assurance report – private To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Paper	4.20
25. Any other business To be notified to and agreed by the Chair	Committee Chair	Verbal	4.30

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26. Committee reflection To offer views on the meeting, including what went well and what could be improved and how the HCPC's values have been reflected in discussions and decisions	Committee Chair	Verbal	4.35
27. Close Date and time of next meeting: 10 June 2026 at 2pm	Committee Chair		4.40