

## AGENDA

### Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

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

**Date:** Wednesday 10 June 2026

**Time:** 2pm

**Venue:** Videoconference (Microsoft Teams)

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

	Lead	Format	Time
<b>Public meeting</b>			
<b>Meeting of the Committee members with internal auditors and National Audit Office</b>			
1.	<b>Welcome and introduction</b>	Committee Chair	Verbal 2.15
2.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	Committee Secretary	Verbal
3.	<b>Approval of agenda</b> To approve the agenda, including agreement to any change to the order of business at the meeting	Committee Chair	Verbal
4.	<b>Declaration of members' interests in relation to agenda items</b> To disclose any personal interest in any matter under consideration at the meeting, whether or not declared previously	Committee Chair	Verbal
5.	<b>Minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting held in public on 11 March 2026</b> To approve	Committee Secretary	Paper 2.20
6.	<b>Matters arising</b> To note the responses to the actions from the previous meeting(s) held in public	Committee Secretary	Paper

	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Format</b>	<b>Time</b>
<b>Risk and assurance</b>			
7. <b>Strategic risk register</b> To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Paper	2.25
8. <b>Unified assurance report</b> To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Paper	2.35
9. <b>Strategic risk deep dive: Professional Standards Authority new approach</b> To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Presentation	2.40
10. <b>Freedom to Speak Up annual report 2025-26</b> To discuss	Speak Up Guardians	Paper	2.50
11. <b>Capital expenditure policy</b> To approve	Financial Controller	Paper	3.10
<b>Internal audit</b>			
12. <b>Internal audit annual report and opinion 2025-26</b> To note	BDO LLP	Paper	3.15
13. <b>Internal audit progress report</b> To discuss	RSM LLP	Verbal	3.20
14. <b>Internal audit reports:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual follow-up of recommendations</li> <li>• Risk management</li> <li>• Media and communications</li> </ul> To discuss	BDO LLP	Papers	3.25
15. <b>Internal audit recommendations tracker</b> To note	Improvement and Compliance Specialist	Paper	3.35
<b>External audit and annual report and accounts</b>			
16. <b>External audit update</b> To discuss	NAO	Verbal	3.40
17. <b>Annual report and accounts 2025-26 update</b> To note the update	Executive Director of Resources	Verbal	3.45

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18. <b>Audit and Risk Assurance Committee annual report to the Council and the Accounting Officer 2025-26</b> To approve  <b>Governance</b>	Governance Manager	Paper	3.50
19. <b>Review of Committee effectiveness</b> To discuss	Head of Governance	Paper	3.55
20. <b>Review of Committee standing orders</b> To approve	Committee Secretary	Paper	
21. <b>Committee forward plan</b> To note	Committee Secretary	Paper	4.05
22. <b>Resolution to move the meeting to private session</b> To resolve that the remainder of the meeting will be held in private because the matters being discussed relate to 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.  <b>Break</b>  <b>Private meeting</b>	Committee Chair	Verbal	
23. <b>Minutes of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee meeting held in private on 11 March 2026</b> To approve	Committee Secretary	Paper	4.15
24. <b>Matters arising</b> To note the responses to the actions from the previous meeting(s) held in private	Committee Secretary	Paper	
25. <b>Unified assurance report – private</b> To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Presentation	4.20
26. <b>BSI ISO 27001:2022 information security surveillance audit report</b> To note	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Paper	4.30
27. <b>Internal audit performance review</b> To discuss	Head of Assurance and Compliance	Paper	4.35

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28. <b>Any other business</b> To be notified to and agreed by the Chair	Committee Chair	Verbal	4.45
29. <b>Committee reflection</b> 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	4.50
30. <b>Close</b> Date and time of next meeting: 16 September 2026 at 2pm	Committee Chair		4.55