

May 20th, 2026

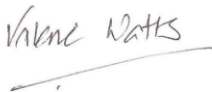
Notice Of Meeting

You are requested to attend a Meeting of the

Mid and East Antrim Audit & Scrutiny Committee

to be held on **Tuesday, 26th May 2026 at 6:30 pm** in **Council Chamber, The Braid, 1-29 Bridge Street, Ballymena** and **via remote access.**

Yours sincerely



Valerie Watts
Interim Chief Executive, Mid and East Antrim Borough Council

Agenda

1 NOTICE OF MEETING

2 APOLOGIES

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Members and Officers are invited to declare any pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests, including gifts and hospitality, they may have in respect of items on this Agenda.

4 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION

4.1 Internal Audit Progress Report - circulated

- ▢ *MEABC 26-27 Audit and Scrutiny Committee IA Progress Report - May 2026 (for issue).pdf* *Not included*

4.2 Audit Committee Self-Assessment - circulated

- ▢ *Audit Committee Self Assessment.pdf* *Not included*
- ▢ *Appendix 1 - Self-Assessment Checklist - Effective Audit and Risk Assurance Committees HMCI MH DRAFT.pdf* *Not included*

5 ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

There are no items for recommendation

6 TABLED QUESTIONS

There are no tabled questions

Closed Committee - In accordance with Council policy, representatives of the Press will not be in attendance for this section of the Meeting.

7 ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION/DECISION - CLOSED COMMITTEE

7.1 Annual Governance Statement - to follow

7.2 Annual Chair of Audit & Scrutiny Committee Report - circulated

- ▢ *Annual Chair's Report - Audit & Scrutiny_R.pdf* *Not included*

7.3 Procurement DAC Update - circulated

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| 📄 <i>Procurement DAC Update..pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 1 - Audit & Scrutiny Committee Direct Award Contracts from 01-01-2026 31-03-2026 .pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 2 - DACs awarded in 2025-26 and analysis of proposed actions in 2026-27.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |

7.4 Corporate Risk Register – new risk added - to follow

7.5 Annual Report on Fraud (including NFI Update) - circulated

Links to website

- [Fraud & Bribery Policy](#)
- [Fraud Response Plan](#)
- [Raising Concerns Policy](#)

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| 📄 <i>Annual Report on Fraud.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 1 - Fraud Bribery Policy Draft 2026 Update.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 2 - Fraud Response Plan Draft 2026 Update.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
| 📄 <i>Appendix 3 - NIAO Fraud Assessment Questionnaire 2025-26 - MEABC.pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |

8 ITEMS FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL - CLOSED COMMITTEE

There are no items for recommendation

9 TABLED QUESTIONS - CLOSED COMMITTEE

No tabled questions

Open Committee

10 FORWARD PLAN FOR AUDIT & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - circulated

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| 📄 <i>A&S Forward Plan .pdf</i> | <i>Not included</i> |
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