

B.3 AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Chair	Cr Mike Cardiff
Deputy Chair	Cr Fiona Vining
Members	Mayor Cr Michael Scott Cr James Cootes
	2 external appointees:

RESPONSIBILITIES

This Committee will monitor the Council's financial management and reporting mechanisms and framework and review the audit and risk function, ensuring the existence of sound internal systems. Key responsibilities will include:

- Reviewing and maintaining the internal control framework;
- Reviewing processes for ensuring the completeness and quality of financial and operational information, including performance measures, being provided to Council;
- Considering Council's existing accounting policies and principles;
- Obtaining from external auditors any information relevant to the Council's financial statements, and assessing whether appropriate action has been taken by management in response to the above;
- Ensuring that the Council's financial statements are supported by appropriate management signoff and adequate systems of internal control (ie letters of representation);
- Considering regular reports on the status of investigations by the Office of the Ombudsman into decisions by the Council;
- Ensuring that Council has in place a current and comprehensive risk management framework and making recommendations to the Council on risk mitigation;
- Assisting elected members in the discharge of their responsibilities by ensuring compliance procedures are in place for all statutory requirements relating to their role;
- Confirming the terms of engagement for each audit with a recommendation to the Council; and receiving the external audit reports for recommendation to the Council;
- Governance role in regards to the Health and Safety Leadership Charter and Health and Safety Plan.

POWERS

All powers necessary to perform the Subcommittee's responsibilities, except:

- (a) powers that the Council cannot delegate or has retained to itself
- (b) where the Committee's responsibility is limited to making a recommendation only

MEETING FREQUENCY

On a quarterly basis or as required.

QUORUM

The quorum is a majority of members.