

# AGENDA

**16 February 2026**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE**

A meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on **16 February 2026** via Microsoft Teams (including video link). *The first fifteen minutes of the meeting is a closed session with Committee members and representatives of external and internal audit.*

*All Items on this Agenda are Confidential*

Item	To	Code	Lead
<b>1. Introduction</b>			
i.	Declaration of Interests	Note	Oral Report H Thorne
ii.	Vice-Chancellor's Horizon Scanning	Note	Oral Report Prof A Long
iii.	Strategic Risk Report	Endorse	AC25/49 G Bailes/ J Taylor
<b>2. External Audit Plan 2024/25</b>			
i.	External Audit – Feedback on 2024/25 Audit	Consider	Oral Report M Wilkie/ J Blewett
<b>3. Internal Audit Plan</b>			
i.	Internal Audit Progress Report 2025/26	Note	AC25/50 S McNally
ii.	Audit Reports:	Consider	
	a) IT Vulnerability and Patch Management		AC25/51 Dr S Corbett
	b) English Language Qualifications		AC25/52 Dr G Brown
iii.	Outstanding Audit Actions	Note	AC25/53 G Bailes
<b>4. Policy, Risk and Assurance</b>			
i.	REF2029 Preparation	Consider	AC25/54 Prof L Bracken
ii.	Health and Safety Report Q2 2025/26 and Annual Review of Operating Arrangements	Endorse	AC25/55 Prof J Entwistle
iii.	Regulatory Reportable Incidents Summary	Note	AC25/56 G Bailes/ J Taylor
iv.	Provision of Non-Audit Services by External and Internal Audit Policy	Endorse	AC25/57 G Bailes/ J Taylor
v.	Counter Fraud and Bribery Policy	Endorse	AC25/58 G Bailes/ J Taylor
vi.	TRAC Return	Note	AC25/59 L Mayfield
vii.	Student Experience and Learning Outcomes September 2025*	Note	AC25/60
<b>5. Constitutional and Administrative Items</b>			
i.	Committee Agenda Plan	Note	AC25/61 H Thorne
ii.	17 November 2025 Committee Meeting		H Thorne
	a. Summary Minutes	Confirm	AC25/62
	b. Confidential Minutes	Confirm	AC25/63
iii.	Matters Arising/ Summary Action List	Note	AC25/64 G Bailes
<i>All attendees to leave the meeting for the subsequent Agenda Item</i>			
<b>6. Any Other Business</b>			
i.	External Audit Tender Outcome	Endorse	AC25/65 L Mayfield/ G Bailes
ii.	Approach to Internal Audit Procurement	Consider	AC25/66 G Bailes/ J Taylor
iii.	Reserved/Private Committee Discussion		Oral Report H Thorne

**AUDIT COMMITTEE MEETING CLOSE**

*\*Items marked “\*” will be taken as read without discussion at the meeting, unless a request to open the item is made in advance to the Chair.*