AGENDA

Northumbria University NEWCASTLE

30 September 2026
AUDIT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit Committee will be held on **30 September 2026** at **1015hrs via Teams.** *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
1. Introduction				
i.	Declaration of Interests	Note	Oral Report	A Fellows
ii.	Vice-Chancellor's Horizon Scanning	Note	Oral Report	Prof A Long
iii.	Strategic Risk Report	Endorse	AC26/01	G Lawson/ J Taylor
iv.	Strategic Assurance Map	Endorse	AC26/02	G Lawson/ J Taylor
2. External Audit Plan				
i.	External Audit Plan 2025/26 Update	Note	AC26/03	L Robson T Bright
ii.	Key Accounting Judgements and Areas of Audit Focus	Approve	AC26/04	L Mayfield
3. Internal Audit Plan				
i.	Annual Report and Follow-up 2025/26	Note	AC26/05	S McNally
	a) IT Vulnerabilities Update	Approve	AC26/06	Dr S Corbett
ii.	Audit Reports:			
	a) Cost Management of Estates Projects	Consider	AC26/07	L Mayfield
	b) Foreign Influence Registration Scheme (FIRS)	Consider	AC26/08	G Lawson/ J Taylor
	c) Student Accommodation	Consider	AC26/09	L Mayfield
	d) OfS Condition E6: Sexual Harassment	Consider	AC26/10	Dr G Brown/ V Hutton
iii.	Internal Audit Plan 2026/27 Final	Approve	AC26/11	S McNally
iv.	Internal Audit Progress Report 2026/27	Note	AC26/12	S McNally
4. Policy, Risk and Assurance				
i.	Cyber Assessment Framework	Consider	AC26/13	Dr S Corbett
ii.	Insurance Coverage Report	Note	AC26/14	L Mayfield
iii.	Financial Regulations	Consider	AC26/15	L Mayfield/ T Assadian
iv.	Scheme of Delegated Authority	Endorse	AC26/16	G Lawson/ B Lenney
v.	Safeguarding and Prevent Annual Report	Endorse	AC26/17	G Lawson/ J Taylor
vi.	Regulatory Reportable Incidents Summary	Note	AC26/18	G Lawson
vii.	Draft Audit Committee Annual Report 2025/26	Consider	AC26/19	G Lawson
5. Constitutional and Administrative Items				
i.	Committee Agenda Plan	Note	AC26/20	A Fellows
ii.	1 June 2026 Committee Meeting			A Fellows
	a) Summary Minutes	Confirm	AC26/21	
	b) Confidential Minutes	Confirm	AC26/22	
	c) Reserved Minutes	Confirm	AC26/23	
iii.	Matters Arising/ Summary Action List	Note	AC26/24	G Lawson
All attendees to leave the meeting for the subsequent Agenda Item				
6. Any Other Business				
i.	Reserved/Private Committee Discussion		Oral Report	A Fellows
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.*