



AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

Thursday 16 July 2026 at 9:00 – 11:30

Hybrid meeting in Committee Room I and via Microsoft Teams

Agenda

09:00 – 09:10	Meeting in private for members and the NAO	
09:10 – 09:25	AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE UPDATE	
	1. Declaration of interest	
	2. Minutes and matters arising from the meeting on 10 February 2026 and 05 May 2026	ARAC/2026/36 <i>HIGHLY RESTRICTED:</i> MANAGEMENT
	3. Updates from the Chair	ARAC/2026/37 <i>HIGHLY RESTRICTED:</i> MANAGEMENT Oral update
	4. Updates from the Accounting Officer	Oral update
09:25 – 09:45	5. Principal Risk Report: June 2026	ARAC/2026/38 <i>HIGHLY RESTRICTED:</i> MANAGEMENT Annex A: <i>RESTRICTED:</i> MANAGEMENT Annex B: <i>RESTRICTED:</i> MANAGEMENT Annex C: <i>RESTRICTED:</i> MANAGEMENT
09:45 – 09:55	6. Annual Review of Whistleblowing Policy and Report	ARAC/2026/39 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>

ANNUAL REPORT AND RESOURCE ACCOUNTS: FOR RECOMMENDATION

09:55 – 10:00	7. 2025–2026 Assurance Round: Results and Key Findings	ARAC/2026/40 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>
10:00 – 10:10	8. Draft Annual Report and Resource Accounts	ARAC/2026/41 <i>HIGHLY RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>
10:10 – 10:25	9. NAO Final Audit Completion Report	ARAC/2026/42 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>

ANNUAL UPDATES: FOR DISCUSSION

10:25 – 10:35	10. Six-Monthly Update on Counter Fraud	ARAC/2026/43 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>
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INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS: FOR DISCUSSION

10:35 – 10:40	11. Annual Opinion and Report 2025-26	ARAC/2026/44 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>
10:40 – 10:45	12. Progress against the Internal Audit plan 2026/27	ARAC/2026/45 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>
10:45 – 11:00	13. Recording Member Attendance – Limited Assurance	ARAC/2026/46 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>
11:00 – 11:15	14. Mandatory Training for House of Lords staff – Limited Assurance	ARAC/2026/47 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>
11:15 – 11:25	15. Management Letter – Security Construction Programme	ARAC/2026/48 <i>RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT</i>

INTERNAL AUDIT REPORTS AND ANNUAL ASSURANCE REPORT: FOR INFORMATION

11:25 – 11:30	16. Contract Management in Parliamentary Digital Services – Moderate Assurance	ARAC/2026/49
	17. Maintenance Reporting Arrangements - Moderate Assurance	ARAC/2026/50
	18. Review of the Management of House of Lords Contract Spend– Moderate Assurance-	ARAC/2026/51
	19. Management Letter – Financial Support for Members	ARAC/2026/52
		RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT

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20. Any Other Business	ARAC/2026/53
The Committee is invited to:	RESTRICTED: MANAGEMENT
• <u>Note</u> the ARAC annual work plan 2026	

Members are free to discuss the contents of restricted papers with their colleagues, unless the paper is marked highly restricted or Parliament secret. Papers marked unrestricted are proactively published.

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