

Agenda

Audit Committee Meeting

Date: Wednesday, 15 July 2026

Time 7.00 pm

Venue: Council Chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT

Membership:

Councillors Andy Booth, Simon Clark (Vice-Chair), Charles Gibson (Chair), Angela Harrison, Elliott Jayes, Tara Noe, Chris Palmer, Richard Palmer and Dolley Wooster.

Quorum = 4

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