

Audit & Standards Committee

Date: **26 September 2023**

Time: **4.00pm**

Venue: **Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall**

Members: **Councillors:** West (Chair), Robinson (Opposition Spokesperson), Atkinson, Burden, Cattell, Czolak, Daniel and Meadows

Independent Persons: Barbara Beardwell, David Bradly and David Gill

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AGENDA

Part One

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16 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) **Declarations of Substitutes:** Where councillors are unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same political group may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.
- (b) **Declarations of Interest:**
 - (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests;
 - (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
 - (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

In each case, you need to declare

- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

If unsure, Members should seek advice from the committee lawyer or administrator preferably before the meeting.

- (c) **Exclusion of Press and Public:** To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

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17 MINUTES

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To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 27 June 2023

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18 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

19 CALL OVER

- (a) Items 22 - 26 will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for consideration.
- (b) Those items not reserved will be taken as having been received and the reports' recommendations agreed.

20 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

To consider the following matters raised by members of the public:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions presented to the full council or at the meeting itself;
- (b) **Written Questions:** to receive any questions submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 20 September 2023;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 20 September 2023.

21 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

To consider the following matters raised by councillors:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions submitted to the full Council or at the meeting itself;
- (b) **Written Questions:** to consider any written questions;
- (c) **Letters:** to consider any letters;
- (d) **Notices of Motion:** to consider any Notices of Motion referred from Council or submitted directly to the Committee.

22 AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2022/23

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Report of External Audit

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell

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Ward Affected: All Wards

23 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23

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Report of the Chief Finance Officer

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell

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Ward Affected: All Wards

24 EXTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

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Report of External Audit

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Ward Affected: All Wards

25 INTERNAL AUDIT AND COUNTER FRAUD QUARTER 1 PROGRESS REPORT 2023/24 231 - 250

Report of the Executive Director Governance, People and Resources

Contact Officer: Carolyn Sheehan

Ward Affected: All Wards

26 STANDARDS UPDATE 251 - 260

Report of the Executive Director Governance, People and Resources

Contact Officer: Victoria Simpson

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Ward Affected: All Wards

27 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

- (1) To consider items to be submitted to a relevant Committee for information.
- (2) To consider items to be submitted to full Council for information.

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28 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

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