BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT, STANDARDS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 28 JANUARY 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

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34 EXTERNAL AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT 2023-24

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: *Jane Strudwick* *Tel: 01273 291255*
Ward Affected: *All Wards*

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards and General Purposes Committee note the Auditor's Annual Report (Value For Money) for the financial year ending 31 March 2024.

35 ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT 2024

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: *Jim Whitelegg* *Tel: 01273 292438*
Ward Affected: *All Wards*

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards and General Purposes Commitee:

1) Approves the continued use of covert surveillance as an enforcement tool to prevent and detect crime and disorder investigated by its officers, providing the activity is in line with the Council's Policy and Guidance and the necessity and proportionality rules are stringently applied.

2) Notes the surveillance activity undertaken by the authority since the report to Committee in January 2024 as set out in paragraph 3.3 in the report.

3) Approves the continued use of the Policy and Guidance document as set out in Appendix 1 in its updated form.

36 INTERNAL AUDIT AND COUNTER FRAUD QUARTER 2 PROGRESS REPORT 2024-25

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Ward Affected: *All Wards*

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards and General Purposes Committee note the report.

37 CHANGES TO CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: *Nigel Manvell* *Tel: 01273 293104*
Ward Affected: *All Wards*

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards & General Purposes Committee:

1) Note the proposed changes to Contract Standing Orders.

2) Recommends the updated Contract Standing Orders at Annex 1 to full Council for approval.

38 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Ward Affected: *All Wards*

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards and General Purposes Committee:

1) Approve the updated Code of Corporate Governance as included in appendix 1.

2) Note the current Risk Management Framework as included in appendix 2. Any feedback from the committee will be taken into account when refreshing the Risk Management Framework for approval by Cabinet.

39 STANDARDS UPDATE - ANNUAL REVIEW

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: Victoria Simpson Tel: 01273 294687
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards and General Purposes Committee note the report.