

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL
AUDIT, STANDARDS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE

4.00pm 24 JUNE 2025

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

1 EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: Jane Strudwick
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 01273 291255

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards, and General Purposes Committee note the external audit plan document, having considered whether to notify the external auditor if there are any additional matters that it considers may also impact on the planned audit work and context for the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

1 INFORMING THE EXTERNAL AUDIT RISK ASSESSMENT 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:

- 1) Note the audit risk assessment document.
- 2) Indicates which (if any) additional matters it considers should be notified to the external auditor on the basis that they may also impact on the planned audit work and context for the financial year ending 31 March 2025.

1 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 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:

- 1) Note the work undertaken and the performance of Internal Audit in 2024/25 and the resultant annual opinion of the Chief Internal Auditor.
- 2) Determined whether there are any matters that the Committee wishes to consider for the inclusion in the Council's Annual Governance Statement.
- 3) Agrees that the Council's arrangements for internal audit proved effective during 2024/25.

1 COUNTER FRAUD ANNUAL 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 fraud activity completed during 1st April 2024 to 31st March 2025.

1 NEW ENGLAND HOUSE CLOSURE: RESPONSE TO INTERNAL AUDIT

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: Max Woodford Tel: 01273 291666
Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards, and General Purposes Committee:

- 1) Notes the Internal Audit report as set out at Appendix 1 of the report.
- 2) Notes the recommendations for action as set out in paragraphs 3.10 and 3.13 of the report setting how the city council, as a learning organisation, are responding and applying lessons learned.
- 3) Agrees to officers bringing a report to a future meeting of Audit,

Standards and General Purposes Committee, six months from the date of this meeting, to update on progress in implementing lessons and actions from the Lessons Learned report.

1 FORMAL APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2024-2025

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: Rima Desai

Tel: 01273 291268

Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards, and General Purposes Committee approve the Annual Governance Statement 2024-2025 as set out in Appendix 1 of the report. Once approved, the AGS will be signed by the City Council's Leader and the Chief Executive before publication alongside the City Council's Accounts.

1 STANDARDS UPDATE

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: Victoria Simpson

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Ward Affected: All Wards

RESOLVED –

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