

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

4.00pm 27 JANUARY 2026

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

1 AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (VALUE FOR MONEY) YEAR ENDING 31 MARCH 2025 (2024/25)

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

Contact Officer: Jane Strudwick
Ward Affected: All Wards

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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 2025.

1 ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT 2025

Decision implemented at close of business on: unless called in

RESOLVED –

That the Audit, Standards, and General Purposes Committee:

- 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) Note the surveillance activity undertaken by the authority since the report to Committee in January 2025 as set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report.
- 3) Approve the continued use of the Policy and Guidance document as set out in Appendix 1 in its updated form.

1 GENERAL FUND DRAFT BUDGET AND RESOURCES UPDATE – 2026-27 TO 2029-30

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 draft budget report set out in Appendix 1 to this report having provided comment on the draft budget report, specifically in respect of the Council's arrangements to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness, putting in place sound budget management and ensuring the long term financial sustainability of the organisation.

1 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 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.

1 STANDARDS UPDATE

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.

