





Brighton & Hove
City Council

Audit & Standards Committee

Title:	Audit & Standards Committee
Date:	19 September 2017
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: Miller (Chair), Robins (Group Spokesperson), Sykes (Group Spokesperson), Allen, Cobb, Greenbaum, Lewry, Morris, Bushell (Non-Voting Co-Optee) and Horne (Non-Voting Co-Optee)
	Co-opted Members: Diane Bushell and Dr David Horne
Contact:	John Peel Democratic Services Officer 01273 291058 john.peel@brighton-hove.gov.uk
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Democratic Services: Audit & Standards Committee

Lawyer	Executive Director	Councillor Miller <i>Chair</i>	Democratic Services Officer
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OFFICERS

Councillor Allen
Councillor Morris
Councillor Robins
Dr David Horne
Diane Bushell
Officers
Officers

Councillor Cobb
Councillor Lewry
Councillor Sykes
Councillor Greenbaum
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AGENDA

PART ONE

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18 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) **Declaration 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.

NOTE: Any item appearing in Part Two of the Agenda states in its heading the category under which the information disclosed in the report is exempt from disclosure and therefore not available to the public.

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19 MINUTES & COMMITTEE ACTION LOG

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To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 25 July 2017 (copy attached).

Contact Officer: John Peel

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20 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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21 CALL OVER

- (a) Items (24-29) 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.

22 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 12 September 2017;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 12 September 2017.

23 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.

24 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS: SR13 NOT KEEPING VULNERABLE ADULTS SAFE; SR20 INABILITY TO INTEGRATE HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE SERVICES AT A LOCAL LEVEL AND DELIVER TIMELY AND APPROPRIATE INTERVENTIONS; SR10 INFORMATION GOVERNANCE FAILURES LEADING TO FINANCIAL LOSSES AND REPUTATIONAL DAMAGE; AND SR18 SERVICE OUTCOMES ARE SUB-OPTIMAL DUE TO THE LACK OF APPROPRIATE TOOLS FOR OFFICERS TO PERFORM THEIR ROLES

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Report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 01273 291273

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- 25 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17 41 - 56**
Report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources (copy attached).
Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell Tel: 01273 293104
Ward Affected: All Wards
- 26 ERNST & YOUNG AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2016/17 57 - 102**
Report of Ernst & Young (copy attached).
- 27 INTERNAL AUDIT AND CORPORATE FRAUD PROGRESS REPORT 103 - 116**
Report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources (copy attached).
Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Tel: 01273 291314
Ward Affected: All Wards
- 28 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR EMPLOYEES 117 - 142**
Report of the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).
Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Tel: 01273 291500
Ward Affected: All Wards
- 29 STANDARDS UPDATE 143 - 146**
Report of the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).
Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Tel: 01273 291500
Ward Affected: All Wards
- 30 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL**
To consider items to be submitted to the 2 November 2017 Council meeting for information.

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- 31 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

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For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact John Peel, (01273 291058, email john.peel@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or email democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk

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