

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 17 SEPTEMBER 2019**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

## **Part One**

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### **24 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS: SR13, SR20, SR32 AND SR33**

*Contact Officer:* Jackie Algar

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*Ward Affected:* All Wards

That the Audit & Standards Committee:

- 1) Note in paragraphs 3.3 the changes to the council's SRR as agreed at ELT on 14 August 2019.
- 2) Note Appendix 1 for details of SR13, SR20, SR33 and SR32.
- 3) Note Appendix 2 'Information on the council's risk management process relative to Strategic Risks (SRs); and Suggested questions for Members to ask Risk Owners and officers on Strategic Risks'.
- 4) Having considered Appendix 1 and any clarification and/or comments from the officers, the Committee makes

### **25 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 1 (1 APRIL TO 31 JUNE 2019)**

*Contact Officer:* Mark Dallen

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*Ward Affected:* All Wards

- 1) Members noted the report and considered any further action required in response to the issues raised.

### **26 EXTERNAL AUDIT - UPDATE AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2018/19**

*Contact Officer:* Nigel Manvell

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*Ward Affected:* All Wards

- 1) The Audit & Standards Committee noted the findings set out in the updated Audit Findings Report 2018/19, asks questions of the auditor as necessary and raises any other matters relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

## **27 APPROVAL OF THE REVISED AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/19**

*Contact Officer:* Nigel Manvell  
*Ward Affected:* All Wards

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That the Audit & Standards Committee:

- 1) Noted the updated findings of the auditor (Grant Thornton) in their updated Audit Findings Report (AFR).
- 2) Approved the revised, audited Statement of Accounts for 2018/19.
- 3) Approved the revised Letter of Representation.

## **28 HOME TO SCHOOL TRANSPORT (PROCUREMENT ISSUE)**

*Contact Officer:* Mark Dallen  
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- 1) Members noted the report and consider any further action required in response to the issues raised.

## **29 WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY**

*Contact Officer:* Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis  
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- 1) The committee noted the information on the current arrangements for dealing with whistleblowing.
- 2) The Members agreed the changes proposed in paragraph 3.7 to enable Members to use the whistleblowing policy and those proposed in paragraph 3.8 to include allegations of discrimination related to protected characteristics within scope of the whistleblowing policy.
- 3) The Monitoring Officer is authorised to reissue the policy with the changes mentioned above.

## **30 STANDARDS UPDATE**

*Contact Officer:* Victoria Simpson  
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- 1) The Audit & Standards Committee noted that the information provided in the report on Member complaints and on standards related matters.