

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 12 JANUARY 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING (MICROSOFT TEAMS)

DECISION LIST

Part One

39 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS REPORT; SR10; SR18; SR32 AND SR30

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar

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Ward Affected: All Wards

That the Audit & Standards Committee:

- 1) Note the SRR detailed within Table 1 of this report.
- 2) Note Appendix 1 the CAMMS Strategic Risk report with details of the SRs and actions taken ('Existing Controls') and actions planned.
- 3) Note Appendix 2 which provides:
 - i. a guide on the risk management process;
 - ii. guidance on how Members might want to ask questions of Risk Owners, or officers connected to the strategic risks; and
 - iii. details of opportunities for Members, or any staff, to raise issues on Strategic Risks at various points and levels.

40 THE REDMOND REVIEW OF LOCAL AUDIT AND FINANCIAL REPORTING

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee note the report.

41 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 2 (1 JULY TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020)

Contact Officer: Mark Dallen
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- 1) That the Committee note the report.

42 WHISTLEBLOWING UPDATE

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis
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- 1) That the report be noted
- 2) That the proposed changes as set out in this report, including the revised whistleblowing policy, a dedicated whistleblowing e-mail address, publicity to the policy and a whistleblowing template/form be agreed
- 3) That a further report be brought back to a subsequent Audit & Standards Committee this year to provide more detail on the exact cost of an external whistleblowing service to allow Committee to properly evaluate the relative benefits of an external service.

43 UPDATE ON STANDARDS MATTERS

Contact Officer: Victoria Simpson
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- 1) That Members note the information provided in this Report on those member complaints which have either been concluded since the last quarterly report or which remain outstanding.
- 2) That Members further note the data provided regarding member complaints received in during 2020, including the increase in the number of complaints made against elected members of Brighton & Hove City Council during that calendar year.
- 3) That the Committee agree to set up a cross party task and finish group of Members to review the local Code and the Council's arrangements and to make any recommendations they see fit to the Committee, with particular regard to any changes they consider might assist in dealing with the increase in complaints.