

Audit & Standards Committee

Date: **28 September 2021**

Time: **4.00pm**

Venue **Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall**

Members: **Councillors:** Yates (Chair), Hugh-Jones (Group Spokesperson), Hamilton, Meadows, Moonan, Peltzer Dunn, Phillips and Shanks

Co-optees

Helen Aston and David Bradly

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AGENDA

17 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

- (a) **Declarations 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.

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18 MINUTES

7 - 14

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 29 June 2021.

Contact Officer: John Peel

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19 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

20 CALL OVER

- (a) Items 23 - 28 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.

21 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 22 September 2021;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 22 September 2021.

22 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.

23 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS REPORT: SR36, SR23 AND SR21

15 - 38

Report of the Executive Lead Officer, Strategy, Governance & Law

Contact Officer: Kat Brett

Ward Affected: All Wards

24 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020-21

To Follow

Report of the Acting Chief Finance Officer

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell

Tel: 01273 293104

Ward Affected: All Wards

25 AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2020-21

To Follow

Report of External Audit

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 26 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 1 (1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2021)** **39 - 64**
- Report of the Acting Chief Finance Officer
- Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Tel: 01273 291314
Ward Affected: All Wards
- 27 RESPONSE TO MEMBERS LETTER: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS** **65 - 80**
- Report of the Assistant Director, Human Resources & Organisational Development
- Contact Officer: Dan Snowdon
Ward Affected: All Wards
- 28 STANDARDS UPDATE** **81 - 84**
- Report of the Executive Lead Officer, Strategy, Governance & Law
- Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Tel: 01273 291500
Ward Affected: All Wards
- 29 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL**
- To consider items to be submitted to the 21 October 2021 Council meeting for information.
- In accordance with Procedure Rule 24.3a, the Committee may determine that any item is to be included in its report to Council. In addition, any Group may specify one further item to be included by notifying the Chief Executive no later than 10am on the eighth working day before the Council meeting at which the report is to be made, or if the Committee meeting take place after this deadline, immediately at the conclusion of the Committee meeting*
- 30 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**
- To consider items for the next meeting

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