

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 28 SEPTEMBER 2021

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

23 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS REPORT: SR36, SR23 AND SR21

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 Risk report with details of the three 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 officers, to input on Strategic Risks at various points and levels.
- 4) Make recommendations for further action(s) to the relevant council body.

24 AUDIT FINDINGS REPORT 2020-21

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee note the findings set out in the 2020/21 Audit Findings Report, asks questions of the auditor as necessary and raises any other matters relevant to the audit of the financial statements.

25 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2020-21

Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell
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That the Audit & Standards Committee:

- 1) Notes the findings of the auditor (Grant Thornton) in their Audit Findings Report (AFR). The AFR is a separate item on this agenda.
- 2) Notes the results of the public inspection of the accounts (Section 5).
- 3) Approves the Letter of Representation on behalf of the council (Appendix 1).
- 4) Approves the audited Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 (Appendix 3).
- 5) Delegates authority to the Acting Chief Finance Officer to make any final wording changes and accounting adjustments following the conclusion of any outstanding audit queries provided these are not material to the accounts.

26 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 1 (1 APRIL TO 30 JUNE 2021)

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

27 RESPONSE TO MEMBERS LETTER: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Audit and Standards committee note the FOI data provided in Appendix 1 (Response to Members Letter Freedom of Information requests.pptx), a summary of which is provided below in section 3.

28 STANDARDS UPDATE

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- 1) That Members note the information provided in this Report on member complaints concluded or otherwise progressed since the last quarterly report, as well as the data on those which have been received in since then.