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City Council

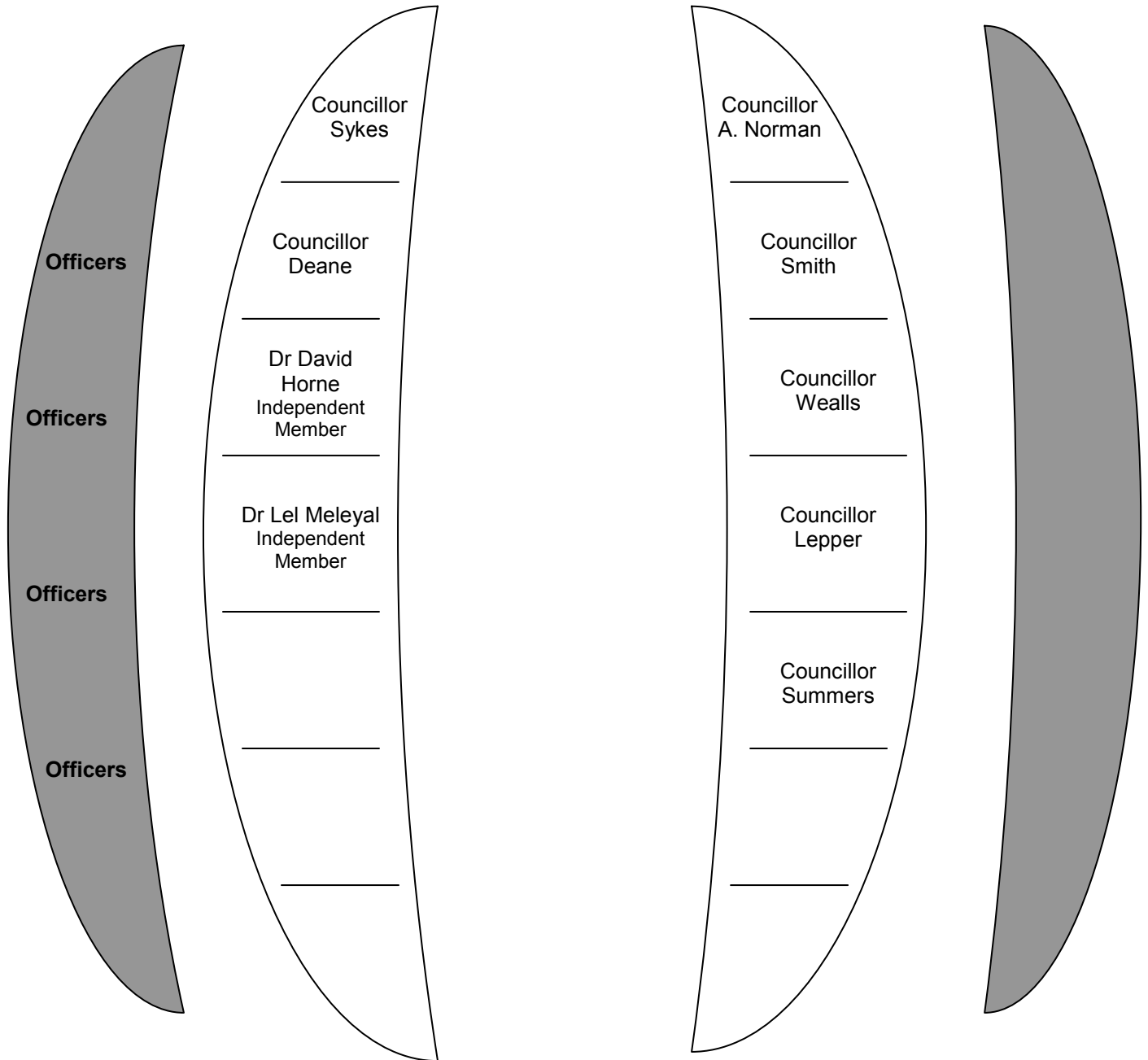
Audit & Standards Committee

Title:	Audit & Standards Committee
Date:	24 September 2013
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: Hamilton (Chair), A Norman (Opposition Spokesperson), Deane, Lepper, Smith, Summers, Sykes and Wealls Co-opted Members: Dr David Horne and Dr Lel Meleyal
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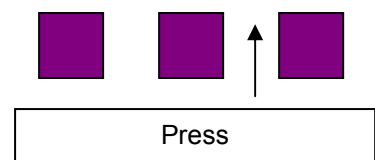
Democratic Services: Audit & Standards Committee

Head of Law	Councillor Hamilton Chair	Director of Finance	Democratic Services Officer
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Presenting Officer	Presenting Office
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Public Seating



AGENDA

19. 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 not registered on the register of 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.

A list and description of the exempt categories is available for public inspection at Brighton and Hove Town Halls.

20. MINUTES

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To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 26 June 2012 (copy attached).

21. CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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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 17 September 2013;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 17 September 2013.

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.

JOINT ITEMS

24. SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS

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Joint report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources and the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Tel: 29-1500
Ward Affected: All Wards

25. WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY

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Joint report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources and the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Sue Moorman Tel: 29-3629
Ward Affected: All Wards

26. IMPLEMENTATION OF MEMBER RECOMMENDATIONS

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Joint report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources and the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Elizabeth Culbert Tel: 29-1515
Ward Affected: All Wards

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STANDARDS ITEMS

27. COMPLAINTS UPDATE SEPTEMBER 2013 37 - 42

Report of the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Brian Foley *Tel:* 291229

Ward Affected: All Wards

AUDIT ITEMS

28. ERNST & YOUNG: AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2014 43 - 78

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

Contact Officer: Helen Thomson *Tel:* 07974 007332

Ward Affected: All Wards

29. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2012/13 79 - 96

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

Contact Officer: Jane Strudwick *Tel:* 01273 291255

Ward Affected: All Wards

30. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2013/14 97 - 104

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

Contact Officer: Mark Dallen *Tel:* 29- 1314

Ward Affected: All Wards

31. HR AND PAYROLL AUDIT ISSUES UPDATE 105 - 112

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

Contact Officer: Sue Moorman *Tel:* 29-3629

Ward Affected: All Wards

32. TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM 2) 113 - 166

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

Contact Officer: Jeff Coates *Tel:* 29-2364

Ward Affected: All Wards

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33. TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2012/13 - END OF YEAR REVIEW 167 - 184

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

Contact Officer: Mark Ireland Tel: 29-1240
Ward Affected: All Wards

34. ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

To consider items to be submitted to the 24 October 2013 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.

PART TWO

35. STRATEGIC RISK MAP FOCUS: SR12 MAINTAINING SEAFRONT; AND SR14 PAY & ALLOWANCES MODERNISATION - EXEMPT CATEGORY 3 185 - 192

Report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources (circulated to Members only).

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar Tel: 29-1273
Ward Affected: All Wards

36. ICT CODE OF CONNECTIONS - EXEMPT CATEGORY 3 193 - 206

Report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources (circulated to Members only).

Contact Officer: Catherine Vaughan Tel: 29-1333
Ward Affected: All Wards

37. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2013/14 - EXEMPT CATEGORY 3 207 - 208

Appendix 2 to Item 30 on the agenda – Report of the Executive Director of Finance & Resources (circulated to Members only).

Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Tel: 29- 1314
Ward Affected: All Wards

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38. PART TWO PROCEEDINGS

To consider whether the items listed in Part Two of the agenda and decisions thereon should remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

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For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact Ross Keatley, (01273 291064, email ross.keatley@brighton-hove.gcsx.gov.uk) or email democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

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