





**Brighton & Hove
City Council**

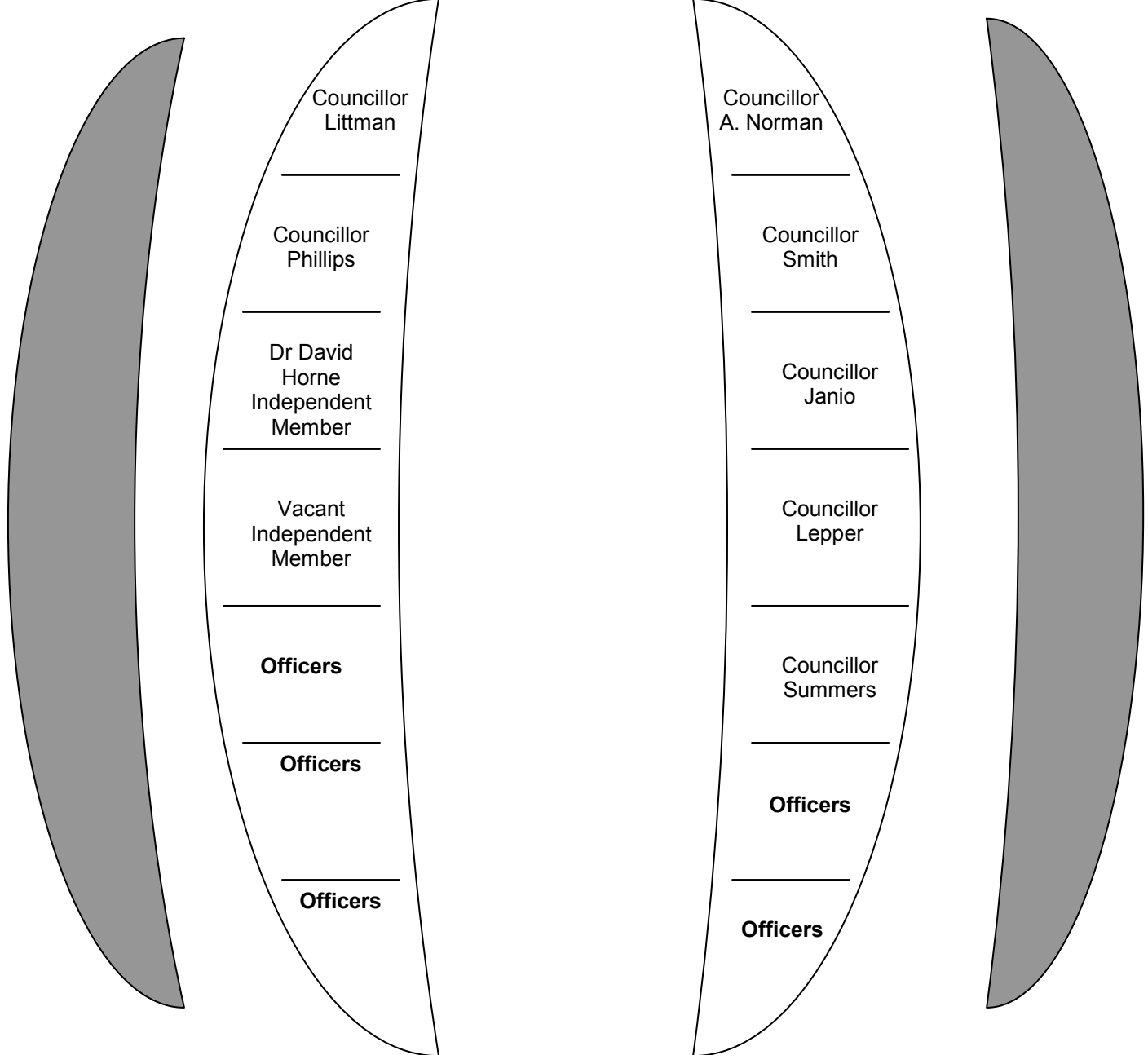
Audit & Standards Committee

Title:	Audit & Standards Committee
Date:	10 March 2015
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	<p>Councillors: Hamilton (Chair), A Norman (Opposition Spokesperson), Janio, Lepper, Littman (Opposition Spokesperson), Smith, Summers and Phillips</p> <p>Co-opted Members: Dr David Horne and Vacancy</p>
Contact:	<p>Lisa Johnson Senior Democratic Services Officer 01273 291228 Lisa.johnson@brighton-hove.gov.uk</p>

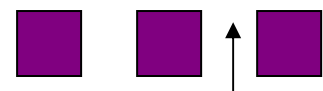
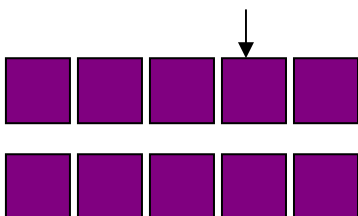
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Democratic Services: Audit & Standards Committee

Head of Legal & Democratic Services	Councillor Hamilton Chair	Executive Director Finance & Resources	Democratic Services Officer
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AGENDA

75 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.

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76 MINUTES

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To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 13 January 2015 (copy attached).

77 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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78 CALL OVER

- (a) Items (82 - 90) 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.

79 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 3 March 2015;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 3 March 2015.

80 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.

STANDARDS ITEMS

81 MEMBER COMPLAINTS UPDATE

Head of Law & Monitoring Officer to provide a verbal update.

82 GOVERNANCE: WHISTLEBLOWING UPDATE

9 - 20

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

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar
Ward Affected: All Wards

Tel: 29-1273

AUDIT ITEMS

83 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

21 - 30

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

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

84 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2013/14: FURTHER ACTION PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE 31 - 42

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85 RISK MANAGEMENT STRATEGY ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT 2014 43 - 52

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86 STRATEGIC RISK MAP FOCUS: SR17 SCHOOL PLACES PLANNING; AND SR15 KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE FROM HARM AND ABUSE 53 - 58

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87 INTERNAL AUDIT AND CORPORATE FRAUD: STRATEGY AND PLAN 2015/16 59 - 74

Report of the Head of Internal Audit (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Graham Liddell *Tel:* 01273 291323
Ward(s) Affected: All

88 EY - AUDIT PLAN 2014/15 75 - 98

Report of the External Auditors (copy attached)

89 EY - AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE 99 - 112

Report of the External Auditors (copy attached)

INFORMATION ITEMS FROM THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

90 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2014/15 MONTH 9 113 - 186

Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 12 February 2015, together with the report of the Interim Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Jeff Coates

Tel: 01273 292364

Ward(s) Affected: All

91 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

To consider items to be submitted to the 26 March 2015 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

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For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact Lisa Johnson, (01273 291228, email lisa.johnson@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or email democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

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