

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 12 JANUARY 2016**

**THE RONUK HALL, PORTSLADE TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

## **Part One**

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**61 STRATEGIC RISK MAP FOCUS: SR10 INFORMATION GOVERNANCE MANAGEMENT; SR22 MODERNISING THE COUNCIL; AND SR24 WELFARE REFORM**

*Contact Officer: Jackie Algar*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*

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- 1) That Members note the information provided in the Strategic Risk MAPs in Appendix 1 (Strategic Risk Assessment Report).

**62 ERNST & YOUNG: ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT 2014/15 AND PROGRESS REPORT 2015/16**

- 1) That Committee note the report.

**63 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2015/16 MONTH 7**

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That Committee note the report

**64 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2015/16 (INCLUDING ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY 2015/16) – MID YEAR REVIEW**

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That Committee note the report

## **65 OVERPAYMENTS ON THE HOUSING REPAIRS AND IMPROVEMENT CONTRACT**

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That the Audit & Standards Committee:

- 1) Note that the council's housing revenue account was over-charged by an amount estimated by audit at more than £300,000 over a 17 month period for work carried out by a sub-contractor working on the housing repairs and improvements contract.
- 2) Note that the council expects to recover the overpayments from the main contractor, Mears Ltd.
- 3) Note that the council is working positively with Mears Ltd to identify any other overpayments that may have been made and to prevent any overpayments in the future.

## **66 INTERNAL AUDIT AND CORPORATE FRAUD PROGRESS REPORT**

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1) That the Audit and Standards Committee note:

- progress made on the audit plan for 2015/16
- progress made against recommendations
- continued success in tackling fraud and corruption

## **67 STANDARDS UPDATE**

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*Ward Affected:* All Wards

1) That Members note the report

## **68 INFORMATION GOVERNANCE STRATEGY**

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1) That Members consider the attached draft Information Governance

Strategy 2016-19 (appendix 1) and comment as necessary.

- 2) Note that any comments will be incorporated into a revised draft going to the Policy & Resources Committee for final approval.

## **69 ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT 2015**

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*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That the Committee approve the continued use of covert surveillance as an enforcement tool to prevent and detect crime and disorder investigated by its officers, providing the activity is in line with the Council's Policy and Guidance and that necessity and proportionality rules are stringently applied.
- 2) That the Committee note the surveillance activity undertaken by the authority since the report to Committee in December 2014 as set out in paragraph 3.3.
- 3) That the Committee approve the continued use of the amended Policy and Guidance document as set out in Appendix 2.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 19 January 2016 unless they are called in.