

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 9 MARCH 2021

VIRTUAL MEETING

DECISION LIST

Part One

52 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS REPORT;SR13; SR33; SR15; SR38; SR24; AND SR29

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar

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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 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 any staff, to raise issues on Strategic Risks at various points and levels.

53 DIRECT PAYMENTS INTERNAL REPORT (2019/20)- PROGRESS UPDATE

Contact Officer: Michelle Jenkins

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee notes the progress update.

54 DEBTORS - UPDATE ON INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIONS

Contact Officer: Jane Strudwick Tel: 01273 291255
Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee note the report.

55 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 3 (1 SEPTEMBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2020)

Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Tel: 01273 291314
Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee note the report.

56 INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY AND ANNUAL PLAN (2021/22)

Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Tel: 01273 291314
Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Internal Audit Strategy and Indicative Annual Audit Plan for 2021/22 is approved

57 EXTERNAL AUDIT: AUDIT PLAN 2021/22

Ward Affected: All Wards

That the Audit and Standards Committee:

- 1) Note the Annual Audit Letter 2019/20.

58 ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Contact Officer: Jo Player Tel: 01273 292488
Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Committee agree that the continued use of covert surveillance and the Policy be approved 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 the necessity and proportionality rules are stringently applied.
- 2) That the surveillance activity undertaken by the authority since the report to Committee in January 2020 as set out in paragraph 3.3 is noted.
- 3) That the continued use of the Policy and Guidance document as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

59 STANDARDS UPDATE

Contact Officer: Victoria Simpson

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Audit & Standards Committee note the information provided in this Report on Member complaints and on standards-related matters.