Agenda

Audit Committee

Wednesday, 19 July 2023 at 7.30 pm

New Council Chamber, Town Hall, Reigate



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Members:

F. Kelly (Chair)

B. Green Vacancy (Independent Member)

J. S. Bray J. P. King

G. Buttironi V. H. Lewanski

V. Chester

Substitutes:

Conservatives: K. Fairhurst and K. Sachdeva

Residents Group: G. Adamson and N. D. Harrison

Green Party: J. C. S. Essex and D. Torra

Liberal Democrats

Mari Roberts-Wood Managing Director

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1. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 6)

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the previous meeting.

2. Apologies for Absence and Substitutions

To receive any apologies for absence and notification of substitutes in accordance with the Constitution.

3. Declaration of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

4. Risk management - Quarter 4 2022/23

(Pages 7 - 32)

That the Committee notes the Quarter 4 2022/23 update on risk management provided in the report and associated annexes and make any observations to the Executive Meeting in September 2023.

5. Internal Audit - Quarter 4 2022/23 Progress Report

(Pages 33 - 54)

- (i) That the Audit Committee note the Q4 2022/23 internal audit progress report available at Annex 1; and,
- (ii) That the Audit Committee make any comments and/or observations on the reports to the Council's Chief Finance Officer

6. Draft Annual Governance Statement 2022/23

(Pages 55 - 68)

To consider and to provide feedback on the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2022/23 as set out in Annex 1.

7. Statement of Accounts Progress Update

(Verbal Report)

To receive a verbal update on progress of the Statement of Accounts.

8. Independent Member Recruitment

(Verbal Report)

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Finance Officer regarding recruitment of an Independent Member onto the Audit Committee.

9. Audit Work Programme Schedule 2023/24

(Pages 69 - 74)

To discuss and agree any changes to the schedule for Audit Committee's Work Programme 2023/24.

10. Any Other Urgent Business

To consider any item(s) which, in the opinion of the Chair, should be considered as a matter of urgency – Local Government Act 1972, Section 100b (4)(b).

Note: Urgent business must be submitted in writing but may be supplemented by an oral report.

11. Exempt Business

RECOMMENDED that members of the Press and public be excluded from the meeting for part of items 4 and 5 of business under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that:

- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- 7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.



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