

**Wednesday 26 September
2012 at 6.00pm
Town Hall, Eastbourne**

Audit & Governance Committee

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MEMBERS: Councillor UNGAR (Chairman) Councillor MATTOCK (Deputy Chairman),
Councillors COOKE, EDE, HARRIS, Mrs HEAPS, LIDDIARD and TESTER.

Agenda

1 Apologies for Absence.

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests under the Code of Conduct. (Please see note at end of agenda)

3 Questions by Members of the Public.

On matters not already included on the agenda and for which prior notice has been given (total time allowed 15 minutes).

4 Urgent Item(s) of Business.

The Chairman to notify the Committee of any item(s) of urgent business to be added to the agenda.

5 Right to Address Meeting.

The Chairman to report any requests received to address the Committee from a member of the public or from a Councillor in respect of an item listed below and to invite the Committee to consider taking such items at the commencement of the meeting.

6 Internal Audit Report to 30th June 2012.

Report of Internal Audit Manager – **Report 06.**

7 Update - Aids & Adaptations System.

Report of Chief Executive of Eastbourne Homes Ltd – **Verbal Report.**

8 Annual Governance Report 2011/12.

Report of External Auditors PKF– **Report 08.**

9 Statement of Accounts 2011/2012.

Report of Financial Services Manager – **Report 09.**

10 Sussex Police and Crime Panel

Report of Head of Corporate Development – **Report 10.**

11 Housing & Council Tax Benefit - Risk Based Verification

Report of Revenues & Benefits Manager – **Report 11.**

For the confidential appendix to this report please refer to Item 15.

12 Member Standards

Report of Monitoring Officer – **Report 12.**

13 Age Concern – Appointment of Board Member –

To consider at the request of Age Concern the appointment of an additional Council appointment to its Board. The Council's current representative is Olive Woodall. Nominations received are Councillors Carolyn Heaps and Caroline Ansell.

14 Exclusion of the public. The Chief Executive considers that discussion of the following items is likely to disclose exempt information as defined in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and may therefore need to take place in confidential session. The exempt information reasons are shown beneath the items listed below. Furthermore, in relation to paragraph 10 of Schedule 12A, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

(Note: Confidential and exempt papers printed on pink paper).

15 Housing & Council Tax Benefit - Risk Based Verification

Confidential appendix – **Report 15.**

Exempt information reason 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

Inspection of Background Papers – Please see contact details listed in each report.

Councillor Right of Address - Councillors wishing to address the meeting who are not members of the Committee must notify the Chairman in advance.

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Disclosure of interests - Members should declare their interest in a matter at the beginning of the meeting, and again, at the point at which that agenda item is introduced.

Members must declare the existence and nature of any interest.

In the case of a DPI, if the interest is not registered (nor the subject of a pending notification) details of the nature of the interest must be reported to the meeting by the member and subsequently notified in writing to the Monitoring Officer within 28 days.

If a member has a DPI or other prejudicial interest he/she must leave the room when the matter is being considered (unless he/she has obtained a dispensation). If a member has a DPI he/she may not make representations first.

Further Information

Councillor contact details, committee membership lists and other related information is also available from Local Democracy.

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