

Audit and Standards Committee 26 July 2021



Time and venue:

10:00am in the Ditchling & Telscombe Rooms, Southover House, Lewes, BN7 1AB

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Membership:

Councillor Julian Peterson (Chair); Councillors Stephen Gauntlett (Vice-Chair) Christine Brett, Phil Davis, Isabelle Linington, Christine Robinson and Adrian Ross

Quorum: 4

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Agenda

1 Minutes (Pages 5 - 12)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held remotely (via Microsoft Teams) on 8 March 2021 (attached herewith).

2 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

3 Declarations of interest

Disclosure by councillors of personal interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the councillor regards the interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct.

4 Urgent items

Items not on the agenda which the Chair of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances as defined in Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972.

5 Written questions from councillors

To deal with written questions from councillors pursuant to Council Procedure Rule 12.3 (page D8 of the Constitution).

- 6 Amendments to ethical standards governance (Pages 13 - 76)**
Report of Lewes District Monitoring Officer
- 7 External Audit of the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts**
Verbal update by Deloitte and Lewes District Council Officers
- 8 Treasury Management Annual Report 2020/21 and latest TM Monitoring (Pages 77 - 108)**
Report of Chief Finance Officer
- 9 Redmond Review update and MHCLG External Audit Consultations (Pages 109 - 112)**
Report of Chief Finance Officer
- 10 Environmental, Social, and Governance Investments (Pages 113 - 116)**
Report of Chief Finance Officer
- 11 Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Report for the financial year 2020-2021 (Pages 117 - 134)**
Report of Chief Internal Auditor
- 12 Strategic Risk Register Quarterly Review (Pages 135 - 146)**
Report of Chief Internal Auditor
- 13 Annual Governance Statement (Pages 147 - 172)**
Report of Chief Internal Auditor
- 14 Date of next meeting**

To note that the next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday, 27 September 2021 in the Ditchling and Telscombe Rooms, Southover House, Lewes, BN7 1AB, commencing at 10:00am.

Information for the public

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Public participation:

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Information for councillors

Disclosure of interests:

Members should declare their interest in a matter at the beginning of the meeting.

In the case of a disclosable pecuniary interest (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).

Councillor right of address:

A member of the Council may ask the Chair of a committee or sub-committee a question on any matter in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the District and which falls within the terms of reference of that Committee or Sub-Committee.

A member must give notice of the question to the Head of Democratic Services in writing or by electronic mail no later than close of business on the fourth working day before the meeting at which the question is to be asked.

Other participation:

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Democratic Services

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