

# Audit and Standards Committee

## 15 November 2021



**Time and venue:**

**10.00 am in the Ditchling & Telscombe Rooms - Southover House, Lewes**

**Membership:**

**Councillor Julian Peterson (Chair); Councillors Christine Brett, Phil Davis, Isabelle Linington, Sean MacLeod, Christine Robinson and Adrian Ross**

**Quorum: 4**

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## Agenda

### **1 Election of Vice-Chair**

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee for the remainder of the 2021/2022 municipal year.

### **2 Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)**

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 September 2021 (attached herewith).

### **3 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members**

### **4 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.

### **5 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.

### **6 Written questions from councillors**

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

### **7 Annual report on Covert Surveillance Management (Pages 9 - 16)**

Report of Head of Legal Services

**8 Audit and Counter Fraud Work Quarterly Report (Pages 17 - 26)**

Report of the Chief Internal Auditor.

**9 Treasury Management Quarter 2 Report (Pages 27 - 46)**

Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

**10 External Auditor Appointment Arrangements (Pages 47 - 64)**

Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

**11 Date of next meeting**

To note that the next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee is scheduled to be held on Monday, 17 January 2022 in the Ditchling and Telscombe Rooms, Southover House, Southover Road, Lewes, BN7 1AB, commencing at 10:00am.

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## **Information for councillors**

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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.

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