

Audit and Standards Committee 20 March 2023



Time and venue:

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

Membership:

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

Quorum: 4

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Agenda

1 Minutes (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm and sign the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 January 2023 (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 External Audit progress

Verbal update by Deputy Chief Finance Officer

7 Treasury Management (Pages 9 - 32)

Report of Director of Finance and Performance

8 Draft Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24 (Pages 33 - 40)

Report of Chief Internal Auditor

9 Internal Audit and Counter Fraud report for the three quarters of the financial year 2022-2023 - 1st April 2022 to 31st December 2022 (Pages 41 - 68)

Report of Chief Internal Auditor

10 Strategic Risk Register Quarterly Review (Pages 69 - 78)

Report of Chief Internal Auditor

11 Date of next meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee which is scheduled to commence at 10:00am on Monday, 3 July 2023, will take place at a location to be confirmed (TBC).

Information for the public

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Information for councillors

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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).

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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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