

Audit and Governance Committee

23 November 2022



Working in partnership with **Eastbourne Homes**

Time and venue:

6.00 pm in the Court Room at Eastbourne Town Hall, Grove Road, BN21 4UG

Membership:

Councillor Robin Maxted (Chair); Councillors Amanda Morris (Deputy-Chair) Sammy Choudhury, Peter Diplock, Tony Freebody, Md. Harun Miah, Kshama Shore, Candy Vaughan and Stephen Gilbert (Audit Independent Member)

Quorum: 2

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Agenda

1 Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee.

2 Apologies for absence/declaration of substitute members

3 Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPIs) by members as required under Section 31 of the Localism Act and of other interests as required by the Code of Conduct.

4 Questions by members of the public.

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

5 Urgent items of business.

The Chairman to notify the Committee of any items of urgent business to be added to the agenda.

6 Right to address the meeting/order of business.

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.

7 External Audit Update

Update from external auditors, Deloitte.

8 Annual Report on Covert Surveillance Management (Pages 11 - 34)

Report of the RIPA (Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act) Monitoring Officer.

9 Treasury Management - Q2 2022-2023 (Pages 35 - 52)

Report of the Chief Finance Officer.

10 Internal Audit and Counter Fraud Quarterly Report (Pages 53 - 76)

Report of the Chief Internal Auditor.

11 IT and Communications Risks report (Pages 77 - 80)

Report of the Chief Internal Auditor.

12 Exclusion of 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 private 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. (The requisite notices having been given under regulation 5 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.)

13 IT and Communications Risks - Exempt Appendix A (Pages 81 - 84)

14 Date of next meeting

To note that the next meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee is scheduled to be held on 18 January 2023 in the Court Room, Town Hall, Eastbourne commencing at 6:00pm.

Information for the public

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Information for Councillors

Disclosure of interests:

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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:

Councillors wishing to address the meeting who are not members of the committee must notify the Chairman and Democratic Services in advance (and no later than immediately prior to the start of the meeting).

Democratic Services

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