

Audit and Governance Committee

Agenda

Date: Thursday 28th May 2020
Time: 2.00 pm
Venue: Virtual Meeting

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PART 1 – MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITH THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

- 1. Apologies for Absence**
- 2. Declarations of Interest**

To provide an opportunity for Members and Officers to declare any disclosable pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests in any item on the agenda.

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3. **Public Speaking Time/Open Session - Virtual Meetings**

In accordance with paragraph 2.32 of the Committee Procedural Rules and Appendix 7 to the Rules a total period of 10 minutes is allocated for members of the public to address the Committee on any matter relevant to the work of the body in question.

Individual members of the public may speak for up to 5 minutes but the Chairman or person presiding will decide how the period of time allocated for public speaking will be apportioned where there are a number of speakers.

Members of the public wishing to ask a question or make a statement at the meeting should provide at least three clear working days' notice in writing and should include the question with that notice. This will enable an informed answer to be given.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 5 - 12)

To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2020 as a correct record.

5. **External Audit Update Report** (Pages 13 - 28)

To receive and consider the External Audit Update Report.

6. **Treasury Management Update** (Pages 29 - 34)

To consider an update on the implications for the Council's Treasury Management Strategy in response to the receipt of government funding for the Covid-19 emergency.

7. **Maladministration Decision Notices from Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman - December 2019 - January 2020** (Pages 35 - 44)

To consider the Decision Notices issued by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman when their investigations have found maladministration causing injustice to complainants.

8. **Audit and Governance Committee Self-Assessment – Action Plan** (Pages 45 - 50)

To consider and endorse the Action Plan.

9. **Committee Work Plan** (Pages 51 - 72)

To consider the Work Plan and determine any required amendments.

10. **Waivers and Non-Adherences (Pages 73 - 80)**

To consider and note the number and reason for the WARNs approved between 1 February 2020 to 31 March 2020.

11. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The reports relating to the remaining items on the agenda have been withheld from public circulation and deposit pursuant to Section 100(B)(2) of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that the matters may be determined with the press and public excluded.

The Committee may decide that the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items pursuant to Section 100(A)4 of the Local Government Act 1972 on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 and public interest would not be served in publishing the information.

PART 2 - MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT THE PUBLIC AND PRESS PRESENT

12. **Waivers and Non-Adherences**

To note the approved WARNs issued between 1 February 2020 and 31 March 2020.

Membership: Councillors R Bailey (Vice-Chairman), D Edwardes, B Evans, R Fletcher (Chairman), S Handley, S Hogben, M Houston, A Kolker, M Sewart and M Simon
Independent Co-opted Members: Mr P Gardener