

Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 11 December 2017 - 6:30pm**

Venue - **Town Hall, Bexhill-on-Sea**



Councillors appointed to the Committee: M. Mooney (Chairman), A.K. Azad, J. Barnes, R.K. Bird, R.C. Carroll, K.P. Dixon, S.H. Earl and T.W. Graham.

AGENDA

1. **MINUTES** – To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 27 September 2017 as a correct record of the proceedings.
2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
3. **ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS** – To consider such other items as the Chairman decides are urgent and due notice of which has been given to the Head of Paid Service by 12 Noon on the day of the meeting.
4. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS** – To receive any disclosure by Members of personal and disclosable pecuniary interests in matters on the agenda, the nature of any interest and whether the Member regards the personal interest as prejudicial under the terms of the Code of Conduct. Members are reminded of the need to repeat their declaration immediately prior to the commencement of the item in question.

**Page
No.**

PART A – STANDARDS REPORTS

- | | | |
|----|---|----------|
| 5. | REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES | |
| 1) | Code of Conduct Complaints Monitoring; and | 1 |
| 2) | Local Government Ombudsman Complaints Monitoring and Annual Review 2016-2017. | 3 |

PART B – AUDIT REPORTS

- | | | |
|----|--|-----------|
| 6. | REPORTS OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS – BDO | |
| 1) | Annual Audit Letter 2016-17; and | 9 |
| 2) | Housing Benefits Subsidy Certification. | 17 |
| 7. | REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES | |
| 1) | Internal Audit Report to 30 September 2017; | 21 |

Cont/.....

This agenda can be made available in large print, Braille, audiotape/CD or in another language upon request. For all enquiries – please contact lisa.cooper@rother.gov.uk (Tel: 01424 787813)

**Rother District Council aspiring to deliver
an Efficient, Flexible and Effective Council; Sustainable Economic Prosperity;
Stronger, Safer Communities; and a Quality Physical Environment.**

	Page No.
2) Treasury Management Mid-Year Review;	31
3) Annual Risk Management Update; and	47
4) Work Programme.	49
8. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS OPERATIONS	
1) Property Investment Panel.	51
9. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC (EXEMPT INFORMATION)	
The following item includes material which is exempt from publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and it is recommended that the press and public be excluded. The relevant paragraph of Schedule 12A indicating the nature of the exempt information is stated after the item and is reproduced in full at the end of the agenda. In the circumstances of the case, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.	
10. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES	
1) Confidential Appendix 5 to Agenda Item 7.2 (Paragraph 5).	57

Malcolm Johnston
Executive Director of Resources

Despatch Date: 1 December 2017

Extract from Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

- 5.** Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.

Invitees in respect of Standards Related Reports only:

Independent Persons: Mrs Susan Fellows, Mrs Jan Gray and Mr Robert Tye.

Parish/Town Councillor Representatives: Councillors Mrs W.M. Miers and T. A. Stainsby.

This agenda can be made available in large print, Braille, audiotape/CD or in another language upon request. For all enquiries – please contact lisa.cooper@rother.gov.uk (Tel: 01424 787813)

**Rother District Council aspiring to deliver
an Efficient, Flexible and Effective Council; Sustainable Economic Prosperity;
Stronger, Safer Communities; and a Quality Physical Environment.**