

Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 26 March 2018 - 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 11 December 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.

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Dr Anthony Leonard
Executive Director of Business Operations

Despatch Date: 16 March 2018

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.

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