

## Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 25 March 2019 - 6:30pm**

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



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**Councillors appointed to the Committee:** G.C. Curtis (Chairman), J. Barnes, Mrs M. Barnes, R.K. Bird, R.C. Carroll, K.P. Dixon, S.D. Elford and I.G.F. Jenkins.

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### AGENDA

1. **MINUTES** – To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 10 December 2018 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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7. **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.
8. **REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**  
1) Confidential Appendix 2 to Agenda Item 6.6 (Paragraphs 3 and 5). 135

Dr Anthony Leonard  
Executive Director

Despatch Date: 15 March 2019

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

- 3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
- 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.

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