

Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 7 December 2020 – 6:30pm**

Venue - **Remote Meeting**

Councillors appointed to the Committee:

A.K. Jeeawon (Chairman), J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, K.M. Harmer, Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, C.A. Madeley, Rev H.J. Norton and R.B. Thomas.

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To authorise the Chairman to sign the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 28 September 2020 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.

PART A - STANDARDS REPORTS

5. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS MONITORING (Pages 1 - 4)

6. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS MONITORING AND OTHER STANDARDS MATTERS (Pages 5 - 10)

7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION - NEW MODEL CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 11 - 14)

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8. **INDEPENDENT PERSONS RECRUITMENT** (Pages 15 - 22)

PART B - AUDIT REPORTS

9. **THE AUDIT FINDINGS FOR ROTHER DISTRICT COUNCIL - GRANT THORNTON (EXTERNAL AUDITORS)** (Pages 23 - 56)
10. **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2019/20 - GRANT THORNTON (EXTERNAL AUDITORS) - NO LONGER BEING REPORTED**
11. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/20** (Pages 57 - 150)
12. **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2020** (Pages 151 - 170)
13. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN UPDATE** (Pages 171 - 174)
14. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE** (Pages 175 - 182)
15. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 183 - 184)

Malcolm Johnston
Chief Executive

Agenda Despatch Date: 27 November 2020

Invitees in respect of Standards Related Reports only:

Independent Persons: Mrs Rose Durban, Mrs Susan Fellows and Mrs Jan Gray.

Parish/Town Councillor Representatives: Councillors Mrs W.M. Miers and D. Smedley.