

## Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 20 June 2022 – 6:30pm**

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

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### **Councillors appointed to the Committee:**

B.J. Drayson (Chair), R.B. Thomas (Vice-Chair), J. Barnes, Mrs M.L. Barnes, P.C. Courtel, K.M. Harmer (ex-officio), Mrs E.M. Kirby-Green, L.M. Langlands and C.A. Madeley.

**Audit Independent Person:** Mr Patrick Farmer

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES**

To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meetings of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 11 April and 16 May 2022 as correct records of the proceedings.

### **2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

### **3. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS**

To consider such other items as the Chair 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. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS MONITORING AND OTHER STANDARDS MATTERS (Pages 1 - 6)**

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6. **GOVERNMENT RESPONSE TO THE REVIEW OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT ETHICAL STANDARDS** (Pages 7 - 20)
7. **LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS MONITORING** (Pages 21 - 24)

#### **PART B - AUDIT REPORTS**

8. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS, GRANT THORNTON - ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT 2020/21** (Pages 25 - 50)
9. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS, GRANT THORNTON - EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN YEAR ENDING MARCH 2022** (Pages 51 - 74)
10. **INTERNAL AUDIT - ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2021/22** (Pages 75 - 98)
11. **2021/22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS – AUDIT PLANNING RISK ASSESSMENT** (Pages 99 - 130)
12. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE - 2021/22 OUTTURN** (Pages 131 - 138)
13. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 139 - 140)

Malcolm Johnston  
Chief Executive

Agenda Despatch Date: 10 June 2022

#### **Invitees in respect of Standards Related Reports only:**

Independent Persons: Mr Robert Brown and Mrs Rose Durban.

Parish/Town Councillor Representative(s): Councillors Mrs W.M. Miers and K. Robertson