

Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 5 December 2022 – 6:30pm**

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

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

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 26 September 2022 as a correct record 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. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS MONITORING (Pages 3 - 10)

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6. **CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS MONITORING AND OTHER STANDARDS MATTERS** (Pages 11 - 18)
7. **CODE OF CONDUCT** (Pages 19 - 22)
8. **REVIEW OF THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR DEALING WITH MEMBER COMPLAINTS, INVESTIGATIONS PROCEDURE AND HEARINGS PROCEDURE** (Pages 23 - 44)

PART B - AUDIT REPORTS

9. **PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION** (Pages 45 - 48)
10. **ROTHER DC HOUSING COMPANY GOVERNANCE MONITORING** (Pages 49 - 60)
11. **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT TO 30 SEPTEMBER 2022** (Pages 61 - 82)
12. **REVISED ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION FRAMEWORK** (Pages 83 - 122)
13. **PROCUREMENT AND CAPITAL PROGRAMME AUDITS - MANAGEMENT RESPONSES UPDATE** (Pages 123 - 126)
14. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 127 - 128)

Malcolm Johnston
Chief Executive

Agenda Despatch Date: 25 November 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