

Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 19 June 2023 – 6:30pm**

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

Councillors appointed to the Committee:

B.J. Drayson (Chair), J. Barnes, MBE (Vice-Chair), A.E. Biggs, S. Burton, Mrs V. Cook (ex-officio), A.P. Hayward, S.B. McGurk, C. Pearce and R.B. Thomas.

Audit Independent Person: Mr Patrick Farmer

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meetings of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 20 March and 24 May 2023 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.

5. ROLE AND FUNCTIONS (Pages 3 - 12)

PART A - STANDARDS REPORTS

6. LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND SOCIAL CARE OMBUDSMAN COMPLAINTS MONITORING (Pages 13 - 22)

7. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINTS MONITORING AND OTHER STANDARDS MATTERS (Pages 23 - 28)

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8. **DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT TO COUNCIL - ETHICAL STANDARDS MATTERS** (Pages 29 - 32)

PART B - AUDIT REPORTS

9. **INTERNAL AUDIT - ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2022/23** (Pages 33 - 58)
10. **INTERNAL AUDIT - PEER REVIEW** (Pages 59 - 102)
11. **2022/23 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS - AUDIT PLANNING RISK ASSESSMENT** (Pages 103 - 132)
12. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 133 - 134)

Lorna Ford
Interim Chief Executive

Agenda Despatch Date: 9 June 2023

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