

## Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Wednesday 26 July 2023 – 6:30pm**

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

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

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

**Audit Independent Person:** Mr Patrick Farmer

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## **AGENDA**

### **1. MINUTES**

To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 19 June 2023 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. INDEPENDENT PERSON (STANDARDS) - PROPOSED EXTENSION TO TERM OF OFFICE (Pages 3 - 4)**

## **PART B - AUDIT REPORTS**

### **6. AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 5 - 10)**

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7. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITORS GRANT THORNTON - EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2022/23** (Pages 11 - 38)
8. **LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AGS)** (Pages 39 - 98)
9. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 99 - 108)
10. **AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT MARCH 2023** (Pages 109 - 124)
11. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 125 - 126)

Lorna Ford  
Interim Chief Executive

Agenda Despatch Date: 18 July 2023