

Audit and Standards Committee

Date and Time - **Monday 2 October 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, 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

AGENDA

1. MINUTES

To authorise the Chair to sign the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee held on 26 July 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 - NONE

PART B - AUDIT REPORTS

5. **REPORT OF THE EXTERNAL AUDITOR GRANT THORNTON - AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE** (Pages 3 - 16)

6. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23** (Pages 17 - 20)

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7. **INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT TO 30 JUNE 2023** (Pages 21 - 30)
8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT UPDATE** (Pages 31 - 40)
9. **RISK MANAGEMENT UPDATE** (Pages 41 - 64)
10. **WORK PROGRAMME** (Pages 65 - 66)

Lorna Ford
Chief Executive

Agenda Despatch Date: 22 September 2023