

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 19 APRIL 2022

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

49 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS REPORT: SR2, SR24, SR29, SR15, SR13 AND SR37

Ward Affected: All Wards

That the Audit & Standards Committee:

- 1) Note the SRR detailed within Table 1 of this report.
- 2) Note Appendix 1 the CAMMS Risk report with details of the five SRs and actions taken ('Existing Controls') and actions planned.
- 3) Note Appendix 2 which provides:
 - i. a guide on the risk management process;
 - ii. guidance on how Members might want to ask questions of Risk Owners, or officers connected to the strategic risks; and
 - iii. details of opportunities for Members, or officers, to input on Strategic Risks at various points and levels.
- 4) Make recommendations for further action(s) to the relevant council body.
- 5) Receive a report to its next meeting regarding risk assessing, risk appetite, benchmarking against other organisations and proposals for training.

50 EXTERNAL AUDIT: ANNUAL REPORT

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee notes the auditor's annual (Value For Money) report for the financial year ending 31 March 2021.

51 EXTERNAL AUDIT: AUDIT PLAN AND INFORMING THE AUDIT RISK ASSESSMENT 2021/22

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee considers the documents and

notifies the external auditors if there are any additional matters that it considers may also impact on the planned audit work and context for the financial year ending 31 March 2022.

- 2) That Committee notes both the External Audit Plan and responses to Informing the Audit Risk Assessment for 2021/22.

52 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – QUARTER 3 (1 OCTOBER TO 31 DECEMBER 2021)

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee note the report.

53 INTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY AND ANNUAL AUDIT PLAN 2022/23

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Audit Plan for 2022/23, and the Internal Audit Charter, are reviewed and endorsed by the Audit & Standards Committee.

54 ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the continued use of covert surveillance be approved as an enforcement tool to prevent and detect crime and disorder investigated by officers, providing the activity is in line with the Council's Policy and Guidance and the necessity and proportionality rules are stringently applied.
- 2) That the surveillance activity undertaken by the authority since the report to Committee in March 2021 as set out in paragraph 3.3 is noted.
- 3) That the updated Policy and Guidance document set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

55 STANDARDS UPDATE

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Committee notes the information in this Report.