

# Audit & Standards Committee

Title:	Audit & Standards Committee
Date:	18 November 2014
Time:	4.00pm
Venue	Council Chamber, Hove Town Hall
Members:	Councillors: Hamilton (Chair), A Norman (Opposition Spokesperson), Janio, Lepper, Littman (Opposition Spokesperson), Smith, Summers and Phillips
	Co-opted Members: Dr David Horne and Vacancy
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## **Democratic Services: Audit & Standards Committee** Head of Councillor Executive Democratic Legal & Hamilton Director Services Democratic Chair Finance & Officer Services Resources Councillor Councillor Littman A. Norman Councillor Councillor **Phillips** Smith Dr David Councillor Horne Janio Independent Member Vacant Councillor Independent Lepper Member Officers Councillor Summers Officers Officers **Officers** Officers **Public Seating** Press

### **AGENDA**

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### 37 PROCEDURAL BUSINESS

(a) Declaration of Substitutes: Where Councillors are unable to attend a meeting, a substitute Member from the same Political Group may attend, speak and vote in their place for that meeting.

### (b) Declarations of Interest:

- (a) Disclosable pecuniary interests not registered on the register of interests;
- (b) Any other interests required to be registered under the local code;
- (c) Any other general interest as a result of which a decision on the matter might reasonably be regarded as affecting you or a partner more than a majority of other people or businesses in the ward/s affected by the decision.

In each case, you need to declare

- (i) the item on the agenda the interest relates to;
- (ii) the nature of the interest; and
- (iii) whether it is a disclosable pecuniary interest or some other interest.

If unsure, Members should seek advice from the committee lawyer or administrator preferably before the meeting.

(c) Exclusion of Press and Public: To consider whether, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted, or the nature of the proceedings, the press and public should be excluded from the meeting when any of the following items are under consideration.

**NOTE:** Any item appearing in Part Two of the Agenda states in its heading the category under which the information disclosed in the report is exempt from disclosure and therefore not available to the public.

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38 MINUTES 1 - 6

To consider the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2014 (copy attached).

### 39 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

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### **40 PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT**

To consider the following matters raised by members of the public:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions presented to the full council or at the meeting itself;
- **(b) Written Questions:** to receive any questions submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 11 November 2014;
- (c) **Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 11 November 2014.

### 41 MEMBER INVOLVEMENT

To consider the following matters raised by councillors:

- (a) **Petitions:** to receive any petitions submitted to the full Council or at the meeting itself;
- (b) Written Questions: to consider any written questions;
- (c) Letters: to consider any letters;
- (d) Notices of Motion: to consider any Notices of Motion referred from Council or submitted directly to the Committee.

### STANDARDS ITEMS

### 42 MEMBER COMPLAINTS UPDATE

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Report of the Monitoring Officer (coy attached)

Contact Officer: Brian Foley Tel: 291229

Ward Affected: All Wards

### INFORMATION ITEMS FROM THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### 43 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2014/15 MONTH 5 17 - 20

Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee meeting held on 16 October 2014 (copy attached).

### **AUDIT ITEMS**

# 44 STRATEGIC RISK MAP FOCUS: SR10 - INFORMATION 21 - 28 GOVERNANCE MANAGEMENT; SR21 HOUSING PRESSURES; AND SR8 BECOMING A MORE SUSTAINABLE CITY

Report of the Executive Director Finance & Resources (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar Tel: 29-1273

Ward Affected: All Wards

### 45 REVIEW OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

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Report of the Monitoring Officer (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Oliver Dixon Tel: 29-1512

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Ward Affected: All Wards

### 46 COUNCIL'S PERFORMANCE DEVELOPMENT PLANS

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Report of the Executive Director Finance & Resources (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Sue Moorman Tel: 01273 293629

Ward Affected: All Wards

### 47 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT RISK UPDATE (SR10)

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Report of the Executive Director Finance & Resources (copy

attached)

Contact Officer: Mark Watson Tel: 29-1585

Ward Affected: All Wards

### 48 EY: PROGRESS REPORT 2014/15

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Report of the External Auditors (copy attached)

### 49 EY: ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER 2013/14

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Report of the External Auditors (copy attached)

### 50 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

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Report of the Executive Director Finance & Resources (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Tel: 29- 1314

Ward Affected: All Wards

### 51 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

To consider items to be submitted to the 11 December 2014 Council meeting for information.

In accordance with Procedure Rule 24.3a, the Committee may determine that any item is to be included in its report to Council. In addition, any Group may specify one further item to be included by notifying the Chief Executive no later than 10am on the eighth working day before the Council meeting at which the report is to be made, or if the Committee meeting take place after this deadline, immediately at the conclusion of the Committee meeting

### **PART TWO**

### 52 PART TWO PROCEEDINGS

To consider whether the items listed in Part Two of the agenda and

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decisions thereon should remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

### 53 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - EXEMPT CATEGORY 3 99 - 100

Appendix 2 to the report of the Executive Director Finance & Resources, listed as Item 50 on the agenda (circulated to Members of the Committee only)

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For further details and general enquiries about this meeting contact Lisa Johnson, (01273 291228, email lisa.johnson@brighton-hove.gov.uk) or email democratic.services@brighton-hove.gov.uk.

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