

# Audit & Standards Committee

Title:	Audit & Standards Committee
Date:	13 January 2015
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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### 54 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;
- (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.

A list and description of the exempt categories is available for public inspection at Brighton and Hove Town Halls.

55 MINUTES 1 - 6

To consider the Part One Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 (copy attached).

### 56 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

### **AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### 57 CALL OVER

- (a) Items (60 71) will be read out at the meeting and Members invited to reserve the items for consideration.
- (b) Those items not reserved will be taken as having been received and the reports' recommendations agreed.

### 58 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 6 January 2015;
- **(c) Deputations:** to receive any deputations submitted by the due date of 12 noon on the 6 January 2015.

### 59 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.

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### STANDARDS ITEMS

# 60 MEMBER COMPLAINTS UPDATE, AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE, 13 JANUARY 2015

Report of the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Brian Folev Tel: 291229

Ward Affected: All Wards

# 61 CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS - GRANTING OF 13 - 16 DISPENSATION

Report of the Head of Law & Monitoring Officer (copy attached).

Contact Officer: Oliver Dixon Tel: 29-1512

Ward Affected: All Wards

### **AUDIT ITEMS** 62 **CORPORATE MODERNISATION GOVERNANCE** 17 - 30 **ARRANGEMENTS** Report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached). Contact Officer: Rima Desai Tel: 01273 291268 Ward Affected: All Wards STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER REVIEW & RISK MAP UPDATES 31 - 5063 Report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached). Contact Officer: Jackie Algar Tel: 29-1273 All Wards Ward Affected: STRATEGIC RISK MAP FOCUS: SR22 MODERNISING THE 51 - 58 **COUNCIL: AND SR23 DEVELOPING AN INVESTMENT** STRATEGY TO REFURBISH AND DEVELOP THE CITY'S MAJOR **ASSET OF THE SEAFRONT** Report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached). Jackie Algar Tel: 29-1273 Contact Officer: Ward Affected: All Wards ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2013/14 - ACTION PLAN 65 59 - 68 PROGRESS UPDATE Report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached). Contact Officer: Jackie Algar Tel: 29-1273 Ward Affected: All Wards INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 69 - 76Report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copy attached). Tel: 29-1314 Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Ward Affected: All Wards AUDIT COMMISSION - PROTECTING THE PUBLIC PURSE 77 - 92 67 **FRAUD BRIEFING 2014**

Presentation from EY – External Auditor (copy of presentation

attached)

### **AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

### 68 EY - 2014/15 PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR BRIEFING 93 - 106

Report of the External Auditors (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Simon Mathers Tel: 02380382044

Ward Affected (All Wards)

### 69 EY - 2013/14 ANNUAL CERTIFICATION REPORT

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Report of the External Auditors (copy attached)

Contact Officer: Simon Mathers Tel: 02380382044

Ward Affected (All Wards)

### INFORMATION ITEMS FROM THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

# 70 TREASURY MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT 2014/15 (MID 119 - 132 YEAR REPORT)

Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee on 4 December 2014 together with a report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copies attached).

Contact Officer: James Hengeveld Tel: 29-1242

Ward Affected: All Wards

### 71 TARGETED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2014/15 MONTH 7 133 - 200

Extract from the proceedings of the Policy & Resources Committee on 4 December 2014 together with a report of the Executive Director for Finance & Resources (copies attached).

Contact Officer: Jeff Coates Tel: 29-2364

Ward Affected: All Wards

### 72 ITEMS REFERRED FOR COUNCIL

To consider items to be submitted to the 29 January 2015 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**

### 73 PART TWO MINUTES

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To consider the Part Two Minutes of the meeting held on 18 November 2014 (copy attached).

### 74 PART TWO PROCEEDINGS

To consider whether the items listed in Part Two of the agenda and decisions thereon should remain exempt from disclosure to the press and public.

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## **AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

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