

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 15 NOVEMBER 2016

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL, NORTON ROAD, HOVE,
BN3 3BQ**

DECISION LIST

Part One

44 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS ITEM: SR21 HOUSING PRESSURES; SR23 DEVELOPING AN INVESTMENT STRATEGY TO REFURBISH AND DEVELOP THE CITY'S MAJOR ASSET OF THE SEAFRONT; AND SR27 DEVOLUTION

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar

Tel: 01273 291273

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee notes the Strategic Risk Assessment Report at Appendix 1

45 INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (INCLUDING AMENDED AUDIT PLAN)

Contact Officer: Graham Liddell

Tel: 01273 291323

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee notes the audits that have been carried out to date.
- 2) That the Committee approves the proposed changes to the audit plan.

46 TARGETTED BUDGET MANAGEMENT (TBM) 2016/17 MONTH 5

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee notes the update on the council's in-year financial position and the continuing actions taken to address forecast overspend risks.

47 ERNST & YOUNG ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

- 1) That the Committee note the 2015/16 Annual Audit Letter

48 DEVELOPING THE AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Contact Officer: Graham Liddell Tel: 01273 291323

- 1) That the Committee notes the action taken to date and agrees the proposed actions set out in paragraph 4.2.

49 STANDARDS UPDATE

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Tel: 01273 291500

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Members note the report.

50 REVIEW OF THE CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MEMBERS

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Tel: 01273 291500

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Audit and Standards Committee consider the draft revised Code of Conduct for Members and the Procedure for Dealing with Allegations of Breaches of the Code of Conduct for Members set out in Appendices 1 and 2 respectively and approve Appendix 2 while referring Appendix 1 – with any further recommended amendments – to Council for approval.
- 2) That Council approve the draft revised Code of Conduct for Members referred by Audit and Standards Committee, for implementation with immediate effect.
- 3) That Council grant delegated authority to the Monitoring Officer to take appropriate measures to implement the revised Code and to assist existing and new Members with understanding and applying it, including via training.

51 CUSTOMER FEEDBACK REPORT

Contact Officer: Brian Foley Tel: 01273 291229

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee note the report.

52 ANNUAL SURVEILLANCE REPORT

Contact Officer: Jo Player Tel: 01273 292488

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee approve the continued use of covert surveillance as an enforcement tool to prevent and detect crime and disorder investigated by its 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 January 2016 as set out in paragraph 3.3 is noted.
- 3) That the continued use of the Policy and Guidance document as set out in Appendix 1 be approved.

NB The above decisions will be implemented after close of business on 22 November 2016 unless they are called in.