

**BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL**

**AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

**4.00pm 25 JULY 2017**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL**

# **DECISION LIST**

## **Part One**

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**7 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS: SR2 FINANCIAL OUTLOOK; SR26 ORGANISATIONAL CAPACITY; AND SR32 HEALTH & SAFETY ASSURANCE**

*Contact Officer: Jackie Algar*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*

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

**8 AUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2016/17**

*Contact Officer: Nigel Manvell*  
*Ward Affected: All Wards*

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The item was deferred.

**9 ERNST & YOUNG AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2016/17**

The item was deferred.

**10 ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2016/17**

*Contact Officer: Graham Liddell*

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- 1) That the Committee notes that the Head of Internal Audit has given reasonable assurance on:
  - the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the council's framework of governance, risk management and control for the year-ended 31 March 2017
  - that the council's arrangements continue to be fit for purpose in accordance with Delivering Good Governance in Local Government Framework 2016 published by CIPFA/SOLACE.

- 2) That the Committee notes the council has an effective internal audit function which has achieved some notable successes in 2016/17.
- 3) That the Committee notes that opportunities to strengthen the function further have been identified and will be implemented as part of Orbis IA.
- 4) That the Committee considers the implications of the Annual Audit Report for the Annual Governance Statement.

## **11 CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

*Contact Officer:* Graham Liddell *Tel:* 01273 291323

- 1) That the Committee approves the revised draft Local Code of Corporate Governance set out in Appendix 1

## **12 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2016/17**

*Contact Officer:* Jackie Algar *Tel:* 01273 291273  
*Ward Affected:* All Wards

- 1) That the Annual Governance Statement is approved (Appendix 1).
- 2) To note the Leader of the City Council and the Chief Executive will be asked to confirm their agreement to the AGS by signing a hard copy of Appendix 1 which will be stored securely.
- 3) To note that the AGS once signed by the Leader of the City Council and Chief Executive will be published alongside the council's Annual Accounts.

## **13 ANNUAL REVIEW OF AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

*Contact Officer:* Graham Liddell *Tel:* 01273 291323

- 1) That the Committee notes that it has many of the characteristics of a good practice audit committee and has built on this strong foundation to make further improvements during 2016/17.

## **14 STANDARDS UPDATE**

*Contact Officer:* Victoria Simpson *Tel:* 01273 294687  
*Ward Affected:* All Wards

- 1) That this Committee a) notes the information provided in the Report on member complaints, and b) considers the revisions suggested to the Social Media Protocol for Members and approves those.

## **15 HUMAN RESOURCES & ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL REPORT**

*Contact Officer:* Janice Percy *Tel:* 01273 291636

*Ward Affected: All Wards*

- 1) That the Committee note the annual report of activity, assurance and business plan priorities from the Human Resources & Organisational Development (HROD) Service.