

BRIGHTON & HOVE CITY COUNCIL

AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

4.00pm 27 MARCH 2018

COUNCIL CHAMBER, HOVE TOWN HALL

DECISION LIST

Part One

54 STRATEGIC RISK FOCUS: SR15 NOT KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE; SR31 GREATER LIABILITY ON THE COUNCIL'S BUDGET DUE TO BUDGETARY PRESSURES ON SCHOOLS; SR24 THE IMPACT OF WELFARE REFORM INCREASES NEED AND DEMAND FOR SERVICES; AND SR29 INEFFECTIVE CONTRACT MANAGEMENT LEADS TO SUB-OPTIMAL SERVICE OUTCOME

Contact Officer: Jackie Algar

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Audit & Standards Committee notes Appendix 1 for details of SR15; SR31; SR24; and SR29
- 2) That, having considered Appendix 1 and any clarification and/or comments from the officers, the Committee makes any recommendations it considers appropriate to the relevant council body
- 3) That the Committee note (as detailed in paragraph 3.3) the changes to the council's SRR.

55 HOUSING ELECTRICAL WORKS

Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That Audit & Standards Committee note the content of the report.
- 2) That the Audit & Standards Committee support officers in robustly pursuing Brighton & Hove City Council claims in relation to all nine categories where the legal position justifies it whilst robustly and fairly defending the city's tenants should Mears make a counterclaim
- 3) That the Audit & Standards Committee request an updated progress report of the actions taken by officers be received to the next meeting.

56 ERNST & YOUNG: EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

- 1) That the Committee note the report

57 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Contact Officer: Mark Dallen Tel: 01273 291314
Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee notes the report and considers any further action required in response to the issues raised.

58 INTERNAL AUDIT AND CORPORATE FRAUD PLAN AND STRATEGY - 2018/19

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee approves the Internal Audit and Corporate Fraud Strategy and Annual Plan, including the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Reporting and Escalation Policy.
- 2) That the Committee notes the changes to the performance management arrangements for tracking actions resulting from internal audit work.

59 DATA PROTECTION OFFICER DESIGNATION

Contact Officer: Abraham Ghebre-Ghiorghis Tel: 01273 291500
Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That in response to the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation, the Committee approve in principle this Council's designation of a statutory Data Protection Officer which Brighton & Hove City Council shares with its fellow founding Orbis partner authorities: East Sussex County Council and Surrey County Council.
- 2) That the Committee recommend to Policy, Resources and Growth Committee that the Executive Director – Finance & Resources be given delegated authority to take all steps necessary or incidental to appoint to the above role.
- 3) That the Committee recommend that Policy Resources and Growth Committee grant to the Monitoring Officer delegated authority to amend the Council's Constitution so as to include provision in the Scheme of Delegations to Officers for the new statutory Data Protection Officer role.
- 4) That in addition, the Committee recommend to Policy Resources and Growth Committee that responsibility for acting as the Council's Senior

Information Risk Owner be delegated to the Executive Director – Finance & Resources and that this be reflected in the Scheme of Delegations to Officers.

60 STANDARDS UPDATE

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Ward Affected: All Wards

- 1) That the Committee note the information provided in the Report on member complaints and on standards-related matters.
- 2) That the Committee agree in principle to the setting-up of a cross-party working group of members, this with a view to inputting into the consultation on the current Local Government Standards regime referred to in the report.