Notice of Meeting

Audit & Governance Committee



Date & time Thursday, 26 September 2019 at 10.30 am Place Committee Room C, County Hall, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN Contact Amelia Christopher Room 122, County Hall Tel 0208 213 2838

amelia.christopher@surrey cc.gov.uk

Chief Executive Joanna Killian

We're on Twitter: @SCCdemocracy

If you would like a copy of this agenda or the attached papers in another format, eg large print or braille, or another language please either call 020 8541 9122, write to Democratic Services, Room 122, County Hall, Penrhyn Road, Kingston upon Thames, Surrey KT1 2DN, Minicom 020 8541 8914, fax 020 8541 9009, or email amelia.christopher@surreycc.gov.uk.

This meeting will be held in public. If you would like to attend and you have any special requirements, please contact Amelia Christopher on 0208 213 2838.

Members

Mr David Harmer (Chairman), Mr Keith Witham (Vice-Chairman), Mr Edward Hawkins, Dr Peter Szanto, Mr Stephen Spence and Mr Stephen Cooksey

Ex Officio:

Mr Tim Oliver (Leader of the Council), Mr Colin Kemp (Deputy Leader), Mr Tony Samuels (Chairman of the Council), Mrs Helyn Clack (Vice-Chairman of the Council) and Joanna Killian (Chief Executive)

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING - 29 JULY 2019

(Pages 1 - 8)

To agree the minutes as a true record of the meeting.

3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

All Members present are required to declare, at this point in the meeting or as soon as possible thereafter

- (i) Any disclosable pecuniary interests and / or
- (ii) Other interests arising under the Code of Conduct in respect of any item(s) of business being considered at this meeting

NOTES:

- Members are reminded that they must not participate in any item where they have a disclosable pecuniary interest
- As well as an interest of the Member, this includes any interest, of which the Member is aware, that relates to the Member's spouse or civil partner (or any person with whom the Member is living as a spouse or civil partner)
- Members with a significant personal interest may participate in the discussion and vote on that matter unless that interest could be reasonably regarded as prejudicial.

4 QUESTIONS AND PETITIONS

To receive any questions or petitions.

Notes:

- 1. The deadline for Member's questions is 12.00pm four working days before the meeting (20 September 2019).
- 2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (19 September 2019).
- 3. The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

5 RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER AND BULLETIN

(Pages 9 - 28)

To review the Committee's recommendations tracker and bulletin.

6 ANNUAL COMPLAINTS PERFORMANCE REPORT

(Pages 29 - 50)

The purpose of this report is to give the Audit & Governance Committee an overview of the council's complaint handling performance in 2018/19 and to demonstrate how feedback from customers has been used to improve services.

7 RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT

(Pages 51 - 54)

This risk management report provides an update on the council's strategic risk management arrangements, including the strategic risk register, to enable the committee to meet its responsibilities for monitoring the development and operation of the council's risk management arrangements.

8 EXTERNAL AUDIT PERFORMANCE REPORT 2018/19

(Pages 55 - 62)

This report provides the Audit & Governance Committee with details of Grant Thornton's performance during the last 12 months against the Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) previously agreed and approved by this Committee in September 2018.

9 EXTERNAL AUDIT: ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

(Pages 63 - 78)

The Council's external auditors, Grant Thornton, are presenting their Annual Audit Letter in respect of the audit year 2018/19. This report summarises the key messages and findings arising from the work carried out at the Council for the year ended 31 March 2019.

10 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - QUARTER 1 (01/04/19 - 30/06/19)

(Pages 79 - 96)

The purpose of this progress report is to inform members of the work completed by Internal Audit between 1 April 2019 and 30 June 2019. The current annual plan for Internal Audit is contained within the Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan 2019-20, which was approved by Audit and Governance Committee on 8 April 2019.

11 GOVERNANCE REVIEW: CHANGES TO SCRUTINY

(Pages 97 - 104)

The Committee is asked to review the new structure and arrangements for scrutiny committees from the County Council Annual General Meeting in May 2019.

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Audit & Governance Committee will be on 12 December 2019.

Joanna Killian Chief Executive

Published: 17 September 2019

MOBILE TECHNOLOGY AND FILMING - ACCEPTABLE USE

Those attending for the purpose of reporting on the meeting may use social media or mobile devices in silent mode to send electronic messages about the progress of the public parts of the meeting. To support this, County Hall has wifi available for visitors – please ask at reception for details.

Anyone is permitted to film, record or take photographs at council meetings. Please liaise with the council officer listed in the agenda prior to the start of the meeting so that those attending the meeting can be made aware of any filming taking place.

Use of mobile devices, including for the purpose of recording or filming a meeting, is subject to no interruptions, distractions or interference being caused to the PA or Induction Loop systems, or any general disturbance to proceedings. The Chairman may ask for mobile devices to be switched off in these circumstances.

It is requested that if you are not using your mobile device for any of the activities outlined above, it be switched off or placed in silent mode during the meeting to prevent interruptions and interference with PA and Induction Loop systems.

Thank you for your co-operation