# **Notice of Meeting**

# **Audit & Governance Committee**



Date & time Monday, 20 September 2021 at 2.00 pm Place Surrey County Council, Woodhatch Place, 11 Cockshot Hill, Reigate, Surrey, RH2 8EF Contact
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#### Members

Stephen Cooksey, Victor Lewanski (Vice-Chairman), David Lewis (Chairman), Rebecca Paul, Joanne Sexton and Richard Tear

#### **AGENDA**

#### 1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND SUBSTITUTIONS

# 2 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING [23 MARCH 2021]

(Pages 1 - 12)

To agree the minutes of the meeting held on 23 March 2021 and to note the record of the informal meeting held on 18 June 2021.

#### 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 (15/09/2021).
- 2. The deadline for public questions is seven days before the meeting (13/09/2021).
- 3. The deadline for petitions was 14 days before the meeting, and no petitions have been received.

# 5 RECOMMENDATIONS TRACKER

(Pages 13 - 16)

To review the Committee's recommendations tracker.

## 6 EXTERNAL AUDIT: ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER

The Council's external auditors will give a verbal update.

### 7 COUNCIL COMPLAINTS

(Pages 17 - 40)

To give the Audit & Governance Committee an overview of the Council's complaint handling performance in 2020/21 and to demonstrate how feedback from customers has been used to improve services.

### 8 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS - Q1

(Pages 41 - 60)

The purpose of this progress report is to inform Members of the work completed by Internal Audit during Quarter 1.

9 RISK MANAGEMENT

(Pages 61 - 82)

To receive an update on the current corporate risks and approve the risk strategy.

# 10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of Audit & Governance Committee will be on 29 November 2021.

Joanna Killian Chief Executive

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