



# Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

Thursday 24 September  
2015  
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Committee Room 2  
Town Hall  
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## Agenda

### Membership:

Cllrs:

David Thain (Chair)  
Jane Potter (Vice-Chair)  
Natalie Brookes  
Michael Chalk  
John Fisher

Andrew Fry  
Gareth Prosser  
Rachael Smith  
Pat Witherspoon

<b>1. Apologies and named Substitutes</b>	<p>To receive the apologies for absence and details of any Councillor nominated to attend the meeting in place of a member of the Committee.</p>
<b>2. Declarations of Interest</b>	<p>To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and/or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in item of the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.</p>
<b>3. Minutes</b> (Pages 1 - 16)	<p>To confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 2nd July 2015.</p> <p>(Minutes attached)</p>
<b>4. Monitoring Officer's Report - Standards Regime</b> (Pages 17 - 20) Head of Legal, Equalities and Democratic Services	<p>To receive a report from the Monitoring Officer on any matters of relevance to the Committee.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<b>5. Feckenham Parish Council Representative's Report - Standards Regime</b>	<p>To receive a report from the Feckenham Parish Council Representative on any matters of relevance to the Committee.</p> <p>(Oral report)</p> <p><b>(Astwood Bank &amp; Feckenham Ward)</b></p>

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<p><b>6. Grant Thornton - Audit Findings Report 2014/15</b></p>	<p>To enable Members to consider the Audit Findings Report 2014/15 from Grant Thornton.</p> <p>(Report to follow)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>7. Statement of Accounts 2014/15</b></p> <p>(Pages 21 - 118)</p> <p>Executive Director, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>To approve the Statement of Accounts for 2014/15.</p> <p>(Report attached)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>8. Internal Audit Progress Report</b></p> <p>(Pages 119 - 146)</p>	<p>To consider the progress report of internal audit work with regard to the 2015/16 audit work and the residual 2014/15work.</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>9. Independent Member Performance Report</b></p> <p>(Pages 147 - 150)</p> <p>Executive Director, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>To update members on the role of the Independent Member and for Members to consider any changes to the role.</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>10. Corporate Governance including Risk</b></p> <p>Executive Director, Finance and Resources</p>	<p>Presentation from the Executive Director, Finance and Resources</p> <p>(Presentation to follow)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>11. Portfolio Holder Update - Quarterly Budget Monitoring</b></p>	<p>To receive an oral update from Councillor John Fisher, Portfolio Holder for Corporate Management, on the latest Finance Monitoring Report referred to the Executive Committee.</p> <p>(Oral report)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>
<p><b>12. Committee Action List and Work Programme</b></p> <p>(Pages 151 - 158)</p>	<p>To consider the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee's Action List and Work Programme.</p> <p>(Action List and Work Programme attached)</p> <p><b>(No Direct Ward Relevance)</b></p>

## 13. Exclusion of the Public

Should it prove necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, to exclude the public from the meeting at any point during the proceedings in relation to any item(s) of business on the grounds that either exempt and/or confidential information is likely to be divulged, the following resolution(s) will be moved:

"That under Section 100 I of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, it/they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act, as amended, the relevant paragraphs of that part being (*...to be specified by the Chairman at the meeting*), and that it is in the public interest to do so.", and/or

"That under Section 100 A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, it/they involve the likely disclosure of confidential information which would be in breach of an obligation of confidence."

**The paragraphs under Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act are as follows:**

**Subject to the "public interest" test, information relating to:**

- **Para 1 – any individual;**
- **Para 2 – the identity of any individual;**
- **Para 3 – financial or business affairs;**
- **Para 4 – labour relations matters;**
- **Para 5 – legal professional privilege;**
- **Para 6 – a notice, order or direction;**
- **Para 7 – the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime**

**may need to be considered as 'exempt'.**