



Audit, Governance & Standards

Committee

Thu 27 Jan
2022
7.00 pm

Council Chamber
Redditch Town Hall

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GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Due to the current Covid-19 pandemic Redditch Borough Council will be applying social distancing arrangements for holding face-to-face meetings.

Please note that this is a public meeting and is open to the public to attend

If you have any questions regarding the agenda or attached papers, please do not hesitate to contact the officer named above.

GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS IN PERSON

In advance of the Committee meeting, Members are strongly encouraged to take a lateral flow test on the day of the meeting, which can be obtained from the NHS website. Should the test be positive for Covid-19 then the Member must not attend the Committee meeting, should provide their apologies to the Democratic Services team and should self-isolate in accordance with national rules.

Members and officers must wear face masks during the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee meeting, unless exempt. Face masks should only be removed temporarily if the Councillor or officer is speaking or if they require a sip of water and should be reapplied as soon as possible. As Councillors may remove their masks from time to time during the meeting, seating will be placed two metres apart, in line with social distancing measures to protect meeting participants.

Hand sanitiser will be provided for Members to use throughout the meeting.

The meeting venue will be fully ventilated and Members and officers may need to consider wearing appropriate clothing in order to remain comfortable during proceedings.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

The usual process for public speaking at Committee meetings will continue to be followed subject to some adjustments which allow written statements to be read out on behalf of residents and the virtual participation of residents at meetings of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee. Members of the public are encouraged to log in virtually, either to speak or observe meetings wherever possible.

Members of the public will be able to access the meeting if they wish to do so. However, due to social distancing requirements to ensure the safety of participants during the Covid-19 pandemic, there will be limited capacity and members of the public will be allowed access on a first come, first served basis. Members of the public in attendance must wear face masks unless they are exempt, and use the hand sanitiser that will be provided and will be required to sit in a socially distanced manner at the meetings. It should be noted that members of the public who choose to attend in person do so at their own risk.

In line with Government guidelines, any member of the public who has received a positive result in a Covid-19 test on the day of a meeting must not attend in person and must self-isolate in accordance with the national rules.

Notes:

Although this is a public meeting, there are circumstances when Council might have to move into closed session to consider exempt or confidential information. For agenda items that are exempt, the public are excluded.



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Committee Room 2 Town Hall

Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Jennifer Wheeler (Chair)	Julian Grubb Emma Marshall
	Juliet Brunner (Vice- Chair)	Timothy Pearman David Thain
	Salman Akbar	
	Tom Baker-Price	
	Luke Court	

1. Apologies and named Substitutes

2. Declarations of Interest

To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests and/or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.

3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 12)

4. Public Speaking

Members of the public have an opportunity to speak at meetings of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee. In order to do so members of the public must register by 12 noon on Tuesday 25th January 2022. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

5. Monitoring Officer's Report - Standards Regime (Pages 13 - 18)

6. Grant Thornton - Sector Update (Pages 19 - 42)

7. Grant Thornton - Annual Audit Letter 2019/20 (Pages 43 - 64)

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- 8.** Decision to opt Into the National Scheme For Auditor Appointments Managed By PSAA (Pages 65 - 70)
- 9.** Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 71 - 124)
- 10.** Risk Champion Update - Councillor Baker-Price
- 11.** Committee Work Programme (Pages 125 - 126)