



Audit, Governance & Standards Committee

Thu 14 Apr
2022
7.00 pm

Council Chamber
Redditch Town Hall

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GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

At the current time, seating at the meeting will be placed in such a way as to achieve as much space as possible for social distancing to help protect meeting participants.

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

Members and Officers who still have access to lateral flow tests (LFTs) are encouraged to take a test on the day of the meeting. Meeting attendees who do not have access to LFTs are encouraged not to attend a Committee if they have any of the following common symptoms of Covid-19 on the day of the meeting; a high temperature, a new and continuous cough or a loss of smell and / or taste.

Whilst the Council acknowledges that it is no longer a legal requirement to wear face masks, we would really appreciate if the Members who attend a meeting in person would consider wearing a face covering throughout the meeting unless they are exempt or speaking.

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. Seating will be placed in such a way as to achieve as much space as possible for social distancing to help protect meeting participants. Whilst the Council acknowledges that it is no longer a legal requirement to wear face masks, it would be really appreciated if members of the public who attend a meeting in person would consider wearing a face covering throughout the meeting unless they are exempt or speaking. It should be noted that members of the public who choose to attend in person do so at their own risk.

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

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 - 8)

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 two working days before the day of the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee

A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

5. Monitoring Officer's Report - Standards Regime (Pages 9 - 12)

6. New Model Code of Conduct (Pages 13 - 36)

7. Grant Thornton - External Audit Sector Update (Pages 37 - 50)

8. Grant Thornton - External Audit Plan 2020/21 (Pages 51 - 80)

9. Grant Thornton - Informing The Audit Risk Assessment (Pages 81 - 114)

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- 10. Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 115 - 156)
- 11. Capital Strategy 2022/23 incorporating the Treasury Management Strategy**
(Pages 157 - 196)
- 12. Risk Management Report** (Pages 197 - 202)
- 13. Review of the Independent Member** (Pages 203 - 210)
- 14. Risk Champion Verbal Update - Councillor Baker-Price**
- 15. Committee Work Programme** (Pages 211 - 212)