

## Audit, Governance & Standards

Committee

Thu 27 Oct 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.

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 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. 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 and for any such items.





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### Agenda

### Membership:

Clrs:

Juma Begum (Chair) Andrew Fry (Vice-Chair) Salman Akbar Imran Altaf Tom Baker-Price Michael Chalk Luke Court Sharon Harvey Timothy Pearman

### **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 - 10)

### **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 the day of the meeting. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

- 5. Monitoring Officer's Report Standards Regime (Pages 11 14)
- 6. Annual Review Letter of Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (Pages 15 - 24)
- 7. Feckenham Parish Council Representative's report Standards Regime

Oral report

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- 8. Grant Thornton External Audit Sector Update (Pages 25 38)
- 9. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 39 70)
- **10.** Housing Revenue Account S151 Officer Update (Pages 71 80)
- **11.** Quarterly Risk Update (Q1 & Q2 2022) (Pages 81 88)
- **12.** Risk Champion Update
- **13. Committee Work Programme** (Pages 89 90)