



Audit, Governance & Standards Committee

Thu 25 Jan
2024
7.00 pm
Council Chamber,
Redditch Town Hall

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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs:	Ian Woodall (Chair)	Andrew Fry
	Jane Spilsbury	Chris Holz
	(Vice-Chair)	Anthony Lovell
	Salman Akbar	Emma Marshall
	Karen Ashley	
	Juma Begum	

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 5 - 18)

The minutes of the meeting of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 23rd November 2023 will be considered at this meeting.

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 23rd January 2024. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

5. Annual Review Letter of Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (Pages 19 - 26)

6. Monitoring Officer's Report - Standards Regime (Pages 27 - 30)

7. Feckenham Parish Council Representative's Report - Standards Regime

To receive a report from the Feckenham Parish Council Representative on any matters of relevance to the Committee. (Oral report)

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8. Bishop Fleming - Introduction to the Council's New External Auditor

9. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 31 - 46)

10. Capital Strategy 2024-25 including Treasury Management Strategy (Pages 47 - 50)

Appendices A – D for this report are to follow in an additional papers pack for this meeting.

11. Financial Compliance Report including update on Council's Statements of Accounts (Pages 51 - 60)

12. Financial Savings Monitoring Report (Pages 61 - 68)

13. Risk Champion Update

14. Committee Work Programme (Pages 69 - 70)