



Audit, Governance & Standards Committee

Thu 21 Mar
2024
7.00 pm

Council Chamber
Redditch Town Hall

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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.

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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Membership:

Cllrs:	Ian Woodall (Chair)	Andrew Fry
	Jane Spilsbury (Vice-Chair)	Chris Holz
	Salman Akbar	Anthony Lovell
	Karen Ashley	Emma Marshall
	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 7 - 16)

The minutes of the meeting of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 25th January 2024 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 19th March 2024. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

5. Monitoring Officer's Report - Standards Regime (Pages 17 - 20)

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

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

7. Grant Thornton - External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update (Pages 21 - 28)

8. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 29 - 46)

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9. Risk Management Report (Pages 47 - 66)

10. Financial Compliance Report including update on Council's Statements of Accounts (Pages 67 - 88)

NOTE: The appendix for this item has only been made available to Members of the Committee and relevant Officers. Should Members wish to discuss the appendix to this report in any detail, a decision will be required to exclude the public and press from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, as defined in paragraph 3 of Schedule 12 (a) of Section 100 1 of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

Subject to the “public interest” test:

Paragraph 3: Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

11. Risk Champion Update

12. Committee Work Programme (Pages 89 - 90)