

Audit, Governance & Standards

Committee

Thu 21 Sep 2023 7.00 pm

Council Chamber Redditch Town Hall



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Agenda

Membership:

Cllrs: Juma Begum

(Chair)

Ian Woodall (Vice-

Chair)

Salman Akbar Karen Ashley Andrew Fry Chris Holz Anthony Lovell Emma Marshall Jane Spilsbury

1. Apologies and Named Substitutes

2. Declarations of Interest and of Party Whip

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 the Audit. Governance and Standards Committee held on 27th July 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 to speak by 12 noon on Tuesday 19th September 2023. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

- 5. Monitoring Officer's Report Standards Regime (Pages 17 22)
- **6.** Dispensations Report Individual Member Dispensations (Pages 23 30)

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

To receive a verbal report from the Feckenham Parish Council Representative on the Parish Councils' Standards matters.

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(Oral report)

- **8.** Grant Thornton External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update (Pages 31 40)
- **9.** Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 41 68)
- 10. Financial Compliance Report including progress update on Statements of Accounts (Pages 69 78)
- 11. Financial Savings Monitoring Report (Pages 79 84)
- 12. Risk Champion Update
- **13.** Committee Work Programme (Pages 85 86)