



Audit, Governance & Standards

Committee

Tue 28 May

2024

7.00 pm

Oakenshaw Community
Centre

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GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

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GUIDANCE FOR ELECTED MEMBERS ATTENDING MEETINGS IN PERSON

Meeting attendees 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.

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 Council and Planning Committee.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

Members of the public 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.

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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Agenda

Membership: To be confirmed

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 - 16)

The minutes of the meeting of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 21st March 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 Thursday 23rd May 2024. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

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

6. General Dispensation Report (Pages 21 - 26)

7. Annual Update Report on Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) (Pages 27 - 78)

8. 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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9. Grant Thornton - External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update (Pages 79 - 82)

10. Internal Audit Plan 2024-2025 (Pages 83 - 94)

11. Financial Savings Monitoring Report (Pages 95 - 102)

12. Annual Appointment of Risk Champion

13. Committee Work Programme (Pages 103 - 106)

14. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Should it be necessary, in the opinion of the Chief Executive, during the course of the meeting to consider excluding the public from the meeting on the grounds that exempt information is likely to be divulged, it may be necessary to move the following resolution:

“That, under S.100 (A) (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following matter(s) on the grounds that it/they involve(s) the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the relevant paragraphs (to be specified) of Part 1 of Schedule 12 (A) of the said Act”.

These paragraphs are as follows:

Subject to the “public interest” test, information relating to:

- Para 3 – financial or business affairs;

and may need to be considered as ‘exempt’.

15. Financial Compliance Report including update on Statements of Accounts
(Pages 107 - 118)