



Audit, Governance & Standards

Committee

Thu 26 Sep
2024
7.00 pm



Oakenshaw Community Centre
Castleditch Lane, Redditch, B98 7YB

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GUIDANCE ON FACE-TO-FACE MEETINGS

Please note that this is a public meeting.

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

Meeting attendees are encouraged not to attend a Committee if they have any of the following common symptoms of flu or 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 Audit, Governance and Standards.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS

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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.

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Membership:

Cllrs:	Gemma Monaco (Chair)	Andrew Fry
	Chris Holz (Vice- Chair)	Joanna Kane
	Juma Begum	Alan Mason
	William Boyd	David Munro
	Claire Davies	

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 - 12)

The minutes of the meeting of Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on 25th July 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 24th September 2024. A maximum of 15 minutes will be allocated to public speaking.

5. Monitoring Officer's Report - Standards Regime (Pages 13 - 16)

6. Annual Review Letter of Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (Pages 17 - 26)

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

To receive a report from the Feckenham Parish Council Representative on Parish Councils Standards matters. (Oral report)

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8. Grant Thornton - External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update (Report to Follow)

The report for this item will follow in an additional papers pack.

9. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 27 - 40)

10. Internal Audit - External Quality Assessment and Improvement Plan (Pages 41 - 86)

11. Financial Savings Monitoring Report (Pages 87 - 94)

12. Financial Compliance Report including update on Statements of Accounts (Pages 95 - 108)

13. Risk Champion Update

14. Committee Work Programme (Pages 109 - 110)