

Audit and Standards Committee

Tuesday 25 April 2023

10:00

Oak Room, County Buildings, Stafford

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John Tradewell
Director of Corporate Services
17 April 2023

A G E N D A

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2023** (Pages 1 - 4)
4. **Establishment of Panel to Appoint Independent Remuneration Panel Members** (Pages 5 - 6)
5. **External Audits 2020/21 and 2021/22 - Verbal Update (Ernst Young - External Auditors)**
6. **Annual Report of the work of the Audit and Standards Committee 2022/23** (Pages 7 - 16)
7. **Annual Report on Information Governance 2022/23** (Pages 17 - 32)
8. **Proposed Internal Audit Strategy & Plan 2023/24** (Pages 33 - 86)
9. **Forward Plan for the Audit and Standards Committee 2023/24** (Pages 87 - 98)
10. **Exclusion of the Public**

The Chairman to move:-

"That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1

of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below".

PART TWO

(reports in this section are exempt)

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| 11. Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 21 March 2023 (exemption paragraph 3) | (Pages 99 - 100) |
| 12. Settlement Agreements - Progress Report on Implementation of Internal Audit Recommendations (exemption paragraph 3) | (Pages 101 - 114) |
| 13. Infrastructure+ Asset Management - Progress Report on Implementation of Internal audit Recommendations (exemption paragraph 3) | (Pages 115 - 118) |

Top Risk Reviews

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| 14. Highways Transformation Programme - Position Statement (exemption paragraph 3) | (Pages 119 - 130) |
| 15. SEND Strategy Implementation (Substantial Assurance)(exemption paragraph 3) | (Pages 131 - 146) |

Special Investigation

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| 16. SEND Personal Budgets Invoices (exemption paragraphs 3 and 7) | (Pages 147 - 164) |
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Membership

Carolyn Trowbridge (Vice-Chair)	James Salisbury
Ross Ward	Janice Silvester-Hall
Bernard Williams	Ian Wilkes
Ann Edgeller	Mike Worthington (Chair)
Philippa Haden	Arshad Afsar
Phil Hewitt	Keith Flunder
Graham Hutton	Richard Cox
Bernard Peters	

Notes for Members of the Press and Public

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