

Audit and Standards Committee

Tuesday 11 July 2023

10:00

White Room, County Buildings, Stafford

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John Tradewell
Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services
3 July 2023

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 April 2023** (Pages 1 - 4)
4. **To note the appointment by Full Council of the following members to serve as a Standards Panel for 2023/24**

P Haden, G Hutton, C Trowbridge, B Williams and M Worthington.
5. **Update regarding the situation within the External Audit Provision** (Pages 5 - 8)
6. **External Audit - Financial Years 2020/21 and 2021/22**

Verbal Update from Ernst Young (External Auditors)
7. **Code of Conduct for Members - Annual Report on the Management of Complaints: June 2022- June 2023** (Pages 9 - 14)

8. **Proposed Changes to the Scheme of Delegation for Officers re Actions under Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981** (Pages 15 - 22)
9. **Internal Audit Outturn Report 2022/23** (Pages 23 - 48)
10. **Review of the Effectiveness of the Audit and Standards Committee - Results of the Member Workshop** (Verbal Report)
11. **Code of Corporate Governance - 2023 Update Report** (Pages 49 - 80)
12. **FRC Annual Report on the Quality of External Audit** (Pages 81 - 130)
13. **Forward Plan for the Audit and Standards Committee 2023/24** (Pages 131 - 142)
14. **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)

15. **Exempt Minutes of the Meeting held on 25 April 2023 (exemption paragraph 3)** (Pages 143 - 146)
16. **Appendix 2 - Counter Fraud Outturn Report 2022/23 (exemption paragraph 3 and 7)** (Pages 147 - 176)

Membership	
Carolyn Trowbridge (Vice-Chair)	Janice Silvester-Hall
Ross Ward	Mike Worthington (Chair)
Bernard Williams	Arshad Afsar
Philippa Haden	Keith Flunder
Phil Hewitt	Richard Cox
Graham Hutton	Derrick Huckfield
Bernard Peters	Stephen Sweeney
James Salisbury	

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