

Audit and Standards Committee

Tuesday 19 September 2023

10:00

Oak Room, County Buildings, Stafford

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John Tradewell
Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services
11 September 2023

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 July 2023** (Pages 1 - 6)
4. **Proposed addition to the Scheme of Delegation re Section 53 Applications under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981** (Pages 7 - 10)
5. **Final Report to those charged with Governance (ISA 260) 2020/21 - Staffordshire County Council**
Report of Ernst & Young (External Auditor)
6. **Final Report to those charged with Governance (ISA 260) 2020/21 - Staffordshire Pension Fund**
Report of Ernst & Young (External Auditor)
7. **Annual Audit Letter - 2020/21**
Report of Ernst & Young (External Auditor)

8. **Civil Contingencies Governance Annual Report 2022/23** (Pages 11 - 28)
9. **Review of the Effectiveness of the Audit and Standards Committee - Results of the Member Workshop** (Pages 29 - 44)
10. **Review of the Effectiveness of the Audit and Standards Committee - Updated Terms of Reference** (Pages 45 - 54)
11. **Review of the Effectiveness of the Audit and Standards Committee - Consideration of the Appointment of Independent Members to the Committee** (Pages 55 - 60)
12. **Report to those charged with Governance (ISA 260) 2021/22 - Staffordshire County Council**
Report of Ernst & Young (External Auditor)
13. **Report to those charged with Governance (ISA 260) 2021/22 - Staffordshire Pension Fund**
Report of Ernst & Young (External Auditor)
14. **External Audit Plan 2022/23 - Staffordshire County Council**
Report of Ernst & Young (External Auditor)
15. **Staffordshire Pension Fund Audit Planning Report 2022/23**
Report of Ernst & Young (External Auditor)
16. **Forward Plan for the Audit and Standards Committee 2023/24** (Pages 61 - 72)
17. **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)

18. **Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 11 July 2023 (Exemption paragraph 3)** (Pages 73 - 74)
19. **Capital Receipts from Farm Sales (Exemption paragraph 3)** (Pages 75 - 76)
20. **Nexus Financial Assurance Review - Update Report (Exemption paragraph 3)** (Pages 77 - 90)

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	

Notes for Members of the Press and Public

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