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Audit and Standards Committee

Tuesday 23 April 2024 **10:00** Oak Room, County Buildings, Stafford

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John Tradewell Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services 15 April 2024

Agenda

- 1. Apologies
- 2. **Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2024 (Pages 5 10)
- 4. External Audit Verbal Update

(Verbal Report)

- Financial Year 2021/22
- Financial Year 2022/23

Report of Ernst and Young

5. Annual Report of the work of the Audit and Standards Committee

(Pages 11 - 24)

Joint Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services, and the Director of Finance

6. Staffordshire County Council and Pension Fund - External Audit Plan 2023/24

(Pages 25 - 52)

Report of KPMG

7. Internal Audit Plan 2024/25

(Pages 53 - 136)

Report of the Director of Finance

8. Forward Plan for the Audit and Standards Committee

(Pages 137 - 146)

9. 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)

10. Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 19 March 2024

(Pages 147 - 152)

11. Children and Families - ChildView System (Limited Assurance)

(Pages 153 - 166)

(Exemption paragraph 3)

12. Children and Families - EHCP Hub System Security Review (Limited Assurance)

(Pages 167 - 194)

(Exemption paragraph 3)

Membership

Carolyn Trowbridge (Vice- Janice Silvester-Hall

Chair) Mike Worthington (Chair)

Ross Ward Arshad Afsar Bernard Williams Keith Flunder Philippa Haden Richard Cox

Phil Hewitt Derrick Huckfield
Graham Hutton Stephen Sweeney

Bernard Peters
James Salisbury

Notes for Members of the Press and Public

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