

# Audit and Governance Committee

**Date:** Monday, 12 June 2023  
**Time:** 10.00 am  
**Venue:** Council Chamber, County Hall, Dorchester, DT1 1XJ

**Members (Quorum 3 )**

Richard Biggs (Chairman), Susan Cocking (Vice-Chairman), Rod Adkins, Belinda Bawden, Simon Christopher, Barry Goringe, David Gray, Robin Legg, Bill Trite and Pauline Batstone

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## Agenda

Item		Pages
1.	<b>APOLOGIES</b>	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
2.	<b>MINUTES</b>	5 - 10
	To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 17 <sup>th</sup> April 2023.	
3.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>	
	To disclose any pecuniary, other registrable or non-registrable interest as set out in the adopted Code of Conduct. In making their decision councillors are asked to state the agenda item, the nature of the interest and any action they propose to take as part of their declaration.	
	If required, further advice should be sought from the Monitoring Officer in advance of the meeting.	

#### **4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

To receive questions or statements on the business of the committee from town and parish councils and members of the public.

When submitting a question please indicate who the question is for and include your name, address and contact details. Questions and statements received in line with the council's rules for public participation will be published as a supplement to the agenda.

**The deadline for submission of the full text of a question or statement is 8.30am on 7<sup>th</sup> June 2023.**

#### **5. MINUTES OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE SUB-COMMITTEE**

To note the minutes of the Audit & Governance Hearing Sub-committee (if any meetings have been held).

#### **6. UPDATE ON PREPARATION OF THE STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FOR 2022/23 AND THE EXTERNAL AUDIT FOR 2020/21 AND 2021/22 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS** 11 - 16

To receive a report by Heather Lappin, Head of Strategic Finance.

#### **7. ANNUAL FRAUD AND WHISTLEBLOWING REPORT** 17 - 22

To receive a report by Marc Eyre, Service Manager for Assurance.

#### **8. UPDATE FROM THE MONITORING OFFICER ON THE CONSTITUTION**

To receive a verbal update from Jonathan Mair, Director of Legal and Democratic.

#### **9. WORK PROGRAMME** 23 - 24

To consider the work programme for the Committee.

#### **10. URGENT ITEMS**

To consider any items of business which the Chairman has had prior notification and considers to be urgent pursuant to section 100B (4) b) of the Local Government Act 1972. The reason for the urgency shall be recorded in the minutes.

#### **11. EXEMPT BUSINESS**

To move the exclusion of the press and the public for the following item in view of the likely disclosure of exempt information within the meaning of paragraph 3 of schedule 12 A to the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The public and the press will be asked to leave the meeting whilst the item of business is considered.

**There is no exempt business.**