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COMMITTEE
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Membership of the Audit & Risk Committee

Cllr Julian Spence (Chair)
Cllr Michaela Wicks (Vice Chair)
Cllr David Beaman
Cllr Jerome Davidson

Cllr Maxine Gale
Cllr Ken Reed
Cllr Connor Relleen

Dear Councillors

A meeting of the AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE will be held as follows:

DATE: MONDAY, 27 NOVEMBER 2023

TIME: 7.00 PM

PLACE: COMMITTEE ROOM 1, COUNCIL OFFICES, THE BURYS,
GODALMING

The Agenda for the meeting is set out below.

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Yours sincerely

Susan Sale,
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AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

To receive apologies for absence.

2. **MINUTES**

To confirm the Minutes of the Meeting held on 11 September 2023 and published on the Council's website.

3. **DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS**

To receive from Members, declarations of interests in relation to any items included on the Agenda for this meeting, in accordance with the Waverley Code of Local Government Conduct.

4. **QUESTIONS BY MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from members of the public of which notice has been duly given in accordance with Procedure Rule 10.

5. **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS**

The Chairman to respond to any questions received from Members in accordance with Procedure Rule 11.

6. **WBC 2022/23 - PLANNING ENQUIRIES**

To formally agree our enquiries of management with reference to planning staffing and potential risks.

7. **RISK MANAGEMENT**

To receive any updates on Risk Management.

Including:

- Any near misses
- Changes in controls
- Notable successes
- Recruitment of Risk Officer

8. ENQUIRIES OF MANAGEMENT (Pages 1 - 36)

The purpose of this report is to contribute towards the effective two way communication between the Waverley Borough Council's external auditors and the Audit and Standards committee, as 'those charged with governance'.

9. 2023-24 AUDIT PLAN FROM GRANT THORNTON (Pages 37 - 66)

To receive the Waverley 23-24 Audit Plan from Grant Thornton.

10. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT - INTERIM REVIEW & CONSIDERATION OF POTENTIAL GOVERNANCE ISSUES. (Pages 67 - 80)

To receive an update on the AGS and enable the Committee to raise any potential emerging governance issues that may need to be addressed.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to raise any potential emerging governance issues for consideration.

11. REVIEW AUDIT COMMITTEE'S TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 81 - 86)

To review the current terms of reference and make any recommendations to council for changes if necessary.

12. AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 87 - 94)

To note the committee annual report outlining the issues considered in 2022/23.

13. REVIEW OF PROGRESS IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIONS (Pages 95 - 106)

To inform the Audit Committee of Senior Management's progress in implementing the actions raised by Internal Audit following a review in their service areas. This report will enable the Committee to consider what action is required in respect of those that are overdue or appear likely to be implemented later than the target date.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee considers the information contained and, following discussion at the Audit Committee meeting identifies any action it wishes to be taken.

14. REVIEW OF THE PROGRESS IN ACHIEVING THE AUDIT PLAN (Pages 107 - 126)

The Committee's Terms of Reference include provision for the Committee to approve, monitor and comment on the progress made in the achievement of the Internal Audit Plan. An update on the current position of the internal audit reviews is attached.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Committee notes the contents of the Internal Audit Progress report as attached.

15. FRAUD INVESTIGATION SUMMARY (Pages 127 - 134)

The report provides an update to the Committee on the work being completed in investigating fraud, primarily focusing on Housing Tenancy Fraud.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Audit Committee notes the success of the fraud investigation activity.

16. AUDIT COMMITTEE RECURRENT ANNUAL WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 135 - 136)

The Committee's annual recurrent work programme is attached. The work programme details regular items, but other items can be submitted to each meeting on an ad hoc basis or at the request of the Committee.

Recommendation

The Audit Committee is invited to note its recurrent annual work programme.

17. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following recommendation on the motion of the Chairman:

Recommendation

That pursuant to Procedure Rule 20 and in accordance with Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item(s) on the grounds that it is likely, in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item(s), there would be disclosure to them of exempt information (as defined by Section 1001 of the Act) of the description specified in the appropriate paragraph(s) of

the revised Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 (to be identified at the meeting).

18. ANY OTHER ISSUES TO BE CONSIDERED IN EXEMPT SESSION

To consider any matters relating to aspects of any reports on this agenda which, it is felt, may need to be considered in exempt session.

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