

Meeting: **Audit and Governance Committee**
Date: **8 December 2021**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Audit and Governance Committee**

The committee will consider the matters, listed below, at the date, time and place shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Members of the committee, who wish to have information on any matter arising on the agenda, which is not fully covered in these papers, are requested to give notice, prior to the meeting, to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

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Although social distancing rules have been relaxed, for the safety of the public, elected members and staff, we will continue to seat members of the public approximately one metre apart. This means that there will be 13 seats available for members of the public, which will be reserved for those speaking or participating at the meeting. The remaining available seats will be given on a first come, first served basis.

All attendees at meetings are kindly asked to wear face coverings, unless they are addressing the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 5 - 6)**

Members of the committee should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);

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- b) other significant interests (OSI);
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

3. **Minutes (Pages 7 - 10)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 28 September 2021.

4. **Quarterly update on Code of Conduct Complaints (Pages 11 - 14)**

This report provides an update to the Committee on Member Code of Conduct complaints received during the first and second quarter of 2021/22 (1 April to 30 September 2021).

5. **Appointment of External Auditor (Pages 15 - 30)**

Report AuG/21/19 sets out an update on the options available and a recommended course of action regarding the appointment of the External Auditor to the Council.

6. **Quarterly Internal Audit update Report from the Head of East Kent Audit Partnership (Pages 31 - 50)**

This report includes the summary of the work of the East Kent Audit Partnership (EKAP) since the last Audit and Governance Committee meeting together with details of the performance of the EKAP to the 30th September 2021.

7. **The Audit Findings for Folkestone & Hythe District Council 2020/21 (Pages 51 - 98)**

Grant Thornton are required to issue a Report to those charged with governance, summarising the findings and conclusions of their audit work. They are also required by professional auditing standards to report certain matters before giving an opinion on the financial statements for the year ended 31 March 2021.

8. **Statement of Accounts 2020/21 (Pages 99 - 250)**

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021 the council must consider and approve its Statement of Accounts no later than 30 September 2021. The Accounts have been subjected to audit, the details of which are set out in Grant Thornton's Audit Findings report.