

NOTICE OF MEETING

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

THURSDAY 24 JANUARY 2013 AT 2 PM

EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM, THIRD FLOOR, GUILDHALL, PORTSMOUTH

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Councillor Peter Eddis
Councillor Les Stevens
Councillor Sandra Stockdale
Councillor Alistair Thompson
Councillor Neill Young
Councillor Aiden Gray

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Declarations of Members' Interests

3 Minutes of the meeting of Governance & Audit & Standards Committee held on 15 November 2012

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meeting of Governance & Audit & Standards Committee held on 15 November 2012 be confirmed and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Updates on actions identified in the minutes

5 Public Health in Portsmouth - up-date on transition arrangements

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This paper describes how Portsmouth City Council will deliver its public health role from April 2013 following transfer of responsibilities from the NHS and the progress that has been made towards this transition. A public health strategy for the City will set out in further detail how the vision will become a reality.

RECOMMENDED that Members note the content of the report.

6 Report from the External Auditor

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The purpose of this item is to provide the Committee with an introductory Briefing Paper from Ernst & Young Government and Public Sector (GPS) Team.

RECOMMENDED that the report from the External Auditor be received and that the Chief Executive be requested to take any action required.

7 Audit Performance Status Report to 14 December 2012 for Audit Plan 2012/13 and Audit Strategy 2013/14 (and two appendices - A and B)

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The purpose of the report is to update the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee on the Internal Audit Performance for 2012/13 to 14 December 2012 against the Annual Audit Plan, highlight areas of concern and areas where assurance can be given on the internal control framework and to advise on the proposed Audit Strategy for the 2013/14 Plan

RECOMMENDED that.

(1) That Members note the Audit Performance for 2012/13 to 14 December 2012.

(2) That Members note the highlighted areas of control weakness for the 2012/13 Audit Plan.

(3) That Members approve the proposed Audit Strategy for the use of Audit resources for 2013/14

8 Treasury Management Monitoring Report for the Third Quarter of 2012/13
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The purpose of the report in Appendix A is to inform members and the wider community of the Council's Treasury Management position at 31 December 2012 and of the risks attached to that position.

RECOMMENDED that the actual treasury management indicators for the third quarter of 2012/13 set out in paragraph 4 of the report be noted.

9 Update on the Council's compliance with its Equality Duty and Equality Impact Assessment Process
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The purpose of the report is to update the Committee

- (1) on the compliance of council services with the Equality Duty and the Equality Impact Assessment process since the last report dated 27th September 2012.
- (2) On the progress of age equality audit in Adult Social Care following an introduction of age discrimination ban in the provision of services and performance of public functions

RECOMMENDED

- (1) That the Committee notes the contents of the report;**
- (2) That the Committee continues to monitor the compliance of the Council services with the Equality Duty and the Equality Impact Assessment process adopted by the Council, on a quarterly basis.**
- (3) That the City Solicitor continues to report on such compliance to the Committee on a quarterly basis.**

10 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting is Thursday 14 March 2013 at 2pm.