



NOTICE OF MEETING

GOVERNANCE & AUDIT & STANDARDS COMMITTEE

FRIDAY, 25 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT 2.00 PM

VIRTUAL REMOTE MEETING - REMOTE

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Councillor Matthew Atkins
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Councillor Graham Heaney
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Councillor Terry Norton

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 **Declarations of Members' Interests**

3 **Minutes of the meetings held on 3 March and 24 July 2020 (Pages 5 - 24)**

RECOMMENDED that the minutes of the meetings held on 3 March 2020 and 24 July 2020 each be approved and signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 **Treasury Management Outturn Report for 2019/20 (Pages 25 - 38)**

The purpose of the report is to inform members and the wider community of the Council's treasury management activities in 2019/20 and of the Council's treasury management position as at 31 March 2020.

RECOMMENDED that the actual prudential and treasury management indicators based on the unaudited accounts, as shown in Appendix B, be noted (an explanation of the prudential and treasury management indicators is contained in Appendix C).

5 **Treasury Management Monitoring Report for Quarter 1 of 2020/21 (Pages 39 - 52)**

The purpose of the report is to inform members and the wider community of the Council's Treasury Management position, ie. its borrowing and cash investments at 30th June 2020 and of the risks attached to that position. Whilst the Council has a portfolio of investment properties and some equity shares which were acquired through the capital programme; these do not in themselves form part of the treasury management function.

RECOMMENDED that the following be noted:

(1) That the Council's Treasury Management activities have remained within the Treasury Management Policy 2020/21 in the period up to 30 June 2020.

(2) That the actual Treasury Management indicators as at 30 June 2020 set out in Appendix A be noted.

6 **Corporate Complaints (Pages 53 - 66)**

(For information only)

The purpose of the report is to bring to the attention of the Governance & Audit & Standards Committee the Annual Review of Complaints by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman (LGSCO) dated July 2020, regarding complaints it has considered against Portsmouth City Council for the year 2019/20.

This item is for noting.

7 Audit Performance Status report to 7 September (Pages 67 - 96)

The purpose of the report is to update the Governance and Audit and Standards Committee on the Internal Audit Performance for 2020/21 to 7th September 2020 against the Annual Audit Plan, highlight areas of concern and areas where assurance can be given on the internal control framework.

RECOMMENDED that Members note

- (1) The Audit Performance for 2020/21 to 7th September 2020.**
- (2) The highlighted areas of concern in relation to audits completed from the 2020/21 Audit Plan, including follow up work performed.**

8 Political Balance Rules (Pages 97 - 98)

The purpose of the report is to ask the Committee to consider whether it wishes to disapply the political balance rules in respect of its Sub-Committees which consider complaints against Members and to agree that the same rule shall apply to the Initial Filtering Panel.

RECOMMENDED that the political balance rules are disapplied in respect of Governance and Audit and Standards Sub-Committees which are considering complaints against Members and also the same arrangement should apply in respect of Initial Filtering Panel membership.

9 Exclusion of Press and Public

In view of the contents of the appendices to the following item on the agenda the Committee is RECOMMENDED to adopt the following motion:

"That, under the provisions of Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972 as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985, the press and public be excluded for the consideration of the following item on the grounds that the appendices to the report contains information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972"

The public interest in maintaining the exemption must outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information.

Under the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) England Regulations 2012, regulation 5, the reasons for exemption of the listed appendices are shown below. (NB The exempt/confidential committee papers on the agenda will contain information which is commercially, legally or personally sensitive and should not be divulged to third parties. Members are reminded of standing order restrictions on the disclosure of exempt information and are asked to dispose of exempt documentation as

confidential waste at the conclusion of the meeting.

Item	Exemption Para No.*
10. Procurement Management Information (Exempt Appendices 1, 2 and 3)	3

***3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information**

10 Procurement Management ((nformation only) (Pages 99 - 110)

The purpose of the report is to provide evidence to allow the committee to evaluate the extent that Portsmouth City Council is producing contracts for goods, works and services in a legally compliant value for money basis.

For noting.

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