# **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Thursday, 26th January, 2023

2.00 pm

Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone





#### **AGENDA**

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Thursday, 26th January, 2023, at 2.00 pm Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone Ask for: Telephone: Katy Reynolds 03000 422252

# Membership (12)

Conservative (7) Mrs R Binks (Chairman), Mr N J D Chard, Mr D Jeffrey,

Mr H Rayner, Mr R J Thomas, Mr S Webb and Vacancy

Labour (1) Mr A Brady

Liberal Democrat (1): Mr A J Hook

Green and Mr M A J Hood

Independent (1)

Independent Member Dr D A Horne

(1)

# **UNRESTRICTED ITEMS**

(During these items the meeting is likely to be open to the public)

- 1. Introduction/Webcasting
- 2. Substitutes
- 3. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda for this meeting
- 4. Minutes of the Meetings Held on 19 October 2022 and 15 November 2022 (Pages 1 10)
- 5. Annual Governance Statement (Pages 11 28)
- 6. Committee Terms of Reference (Pages 29 34)
- 7. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 35 70)
- 8. External Audit Progress Report to follow

- 9. Counter Fraud Update (Pages 71 106)
- 10. Schools Audit Annual report to follow
- 11. Review of the Risk Management Strategy, Policy and Programme (Pages 107 130)
- 12. Other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

# Motion to exclude the press and public for exempt business

That, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)

### **EXEMPT ITEMS**

(During these items the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

13. Internal Audit Progress Report (EXEMPT) (Pages 131 - 136)

Benjamin Watts General Counsel 03000 416814

### Wednesday, 18 January 2023

Please note that any background documents referred to in the accompanying papers maybe inspected by arrangement with the officer responsible for preparing the relevant report.