# **GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Wednesday, 25th October, 2023

10.00 am

Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone





#### **AGENDA**

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Wednesday, 25th October, 2023, at 10.00 am Ask for: Katy Reynolds Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Telephone: 03000 422252

Hall, Maidstone

### Membership (12)

Conservative (8) Mrs R Binks (Chairman), Mrs S Hudson (Vice-Chairman),

Mr D L Brazier, Mr N J D Chard, Mr P C Cooper, Mr D Robey,

Mr D Ross and Mr R J Thomas

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. Apologies and Substitutes
- 3. Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda for this meeting
- 4. Minutes of the meeting held on 14 September 2023 (Pages 1 6)
- 5. Internal Audit Progress Report Procurement & Contract Extension (Pages 7 14)
- 6. Counter Fraud Progress Report (Pages 15 28)
- 7. Verbal Update on the Review of the Financial Regulations
- 8. Annual Customer Feedback Report 2022/23 (Pages 29 62)

- 9. Covert Enforcement Techniques Activity 2022-23 (Pages 63 82)
- 10. External Audit Governance Review (Pages 83 104)
- External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update To follow.
- External Audit- Pension Fund Audit Findings Report To follow.
- 13. Other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

## **EXEMPT ITEMS**

(At the time of preparing the agenda there were no exempt items. During any such items which may arise the meeting is likely NOT to be open to the public)

Benjamin Watts General Counsel 03000 416814

## Tuesday, 17 October 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.