

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Thursday, 1st February, 2024

10.00 am

**Council Chamber, Sessions House, County Hall,
Maidstone**





AGENDA

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Hall, Maidstone

Ask for: **Katy Reynolds**
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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 M Dendor, Mr D Ross and Mr S Webb
Labour (1)	Mr A Brady
Liberal Democrat (1):	Mr C Passmore
Green and Independent (1)	Mr M A J Hood
Independent Member (1)	Dr D A Horne

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 23 November 2023 (Pages 1 - 6)
5. Membership
To note that Mr Mike Dendor has replaced Mr David Robey on the Committee.
6. Terms of Reference: Membership Update (Pages 7 - 12)
7. Annual Governance Statement (Pages 13 - 34)

8. External Audit Annual Report (Pages 35 - 86)
9. External Audit Findings Report
To follow.
10. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 87 - 122)
11. Counter Fraud Update (Pages 123 - 134)
12. East Kent Opportunities LLP
To follow
13. Updated Financial Regulations and Scheme of Delegation (Pages 135 - 164)
14. Schools Audit Annual Report 2022-2023 (Pages 165 - 172)
15. Management Follow Up of SEND Transport Lessons Learned Review
To Follow.
16. Other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

EXEMPT ITEMS

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)

17. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 173 - 180)

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Wednesday, 24 January 2024

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