

GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Tuesday, 19th March, 2024

2.00 pm

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





AGENDA

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Ask for: **Katy Reynolds**
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Membership (12)

Conservative (8)	Mrs R Binks (Chairman), Mr T Bond, 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 1 February 2024 (Pages 1 - 8)
5. Election of Vice-Chair
6. Review of the Risk Management Strategy, Policy and Programme (Pages 9 - 32)
7. Policy Review (Pages 33 - 72)
Anti-Money Laundering Policy
Anti-Bribery Policy

Anti-Fraud and Corruption Strategy

8. Review of Whistle Blowing Policy

To follow.

9. External Audit Progress Report and Sector Update (Pages 73 - 90)

10. External Audit Plan 2023/24 (Pages 91 - 124)

11. Other items which the Chairman decides are urgent

12. Future Meeting Dates

To note that meetings of the Governance and Audit Committee will take place on the following dates:

16 May 2024 at 10.00 am

11 July 2024 at 2.00 pm

5 September 2024 at 10.00 am

24 October 2024 at 10.00 am

12 December 2024 at 10.00 am

23 January 2025 at 10.00 am

20 March 2025 at 10.00 am

12 June 2025 at 10.00 am

3 July 2025 at 10.00 am

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)

13. External Audit Findings Relating to Cyber Security (Pages 125 - 126)

14. 'Covid-19 risk - Asset Control of Laptops and Other Equipment' Audit update (Pages 127 - 156)

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Monday, 11 March 2024

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.