

Audit and Standards Committee

Thursday 25 March 2021 at 5.00 pm

To be held as an online video conference. To access the meeting, click on the 'View the Webcast' link below

The Press and Public are Welcome to Attend

Membership

Councillors Sioned-Mair Richards (Chair), Simon Clement-Jones (Deputy Chair), Angela Argenzio, Adam Hurst, Mohammed Mahroof, Josie Paszek and Dianne Hurst.

Independent Co-opted Members

Alison Howard.



PUBLIC ACCESS TO THE MEETING

The Audit and Standards Committee oversees and assesses the Council's risk management, control and corporate governance arrangements and advises the Council on the adequacy and effectiveness of these arrangements. The Committee has delegated powers to approve the Council's Statement of Accounts and consider the Annual Letter from the External Auditor.

The Committee is also responsible for promoting high standards of conduct by Councillors and co-opted members.

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**AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA
25 MARCH 2021**

Order of Business

- 1. Welcome and Housekeeping Arrangements**
- 2. Apologies for Absence**
- 3. Exclusion of the Press and Public**
To identify items where resolutions may be moved to exclude the press and public.
- 4. Declarations of Interest** (Pages 5 - 8)
Members to declare any interests they have in the business to be considered at the meeting.
- 5. Minutes of Previous Meeting** (Pages 9 - 14)
To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 18th February 2021.
- 6. Progress Report of the External Auditors**
Verbal report of the External Auditors Ernst and Young.
- 7. Universal Credit Update** (Pages 15 - 26)
Report of the Director of Finance and Commercial Services
- 8. Members Code of Conduct and Training** (Pages 27 - 50)
Report of the Director of Legal and Governance
- 9. Work Programme** (Pages 51 - 56)
Report of the Director of Legal and Governance.
- 10. Dates of Future Meetings**
To note that meetings of the Committee will be held at 5.00 p.m. on:-

Thursday 15th April 2021
Thursday 10th June 2021
Thursday 29th July 2021