



## **BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

### **MEETING OF THE AUDIT, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**TUESDAY 24TH NOVEMBER 2020**  
**AT 6.00 P.M.**

**VIRTUAL MEETING - SKYPE - VIRTUAL**

**MEMBERS:** Councillors L. C. R. Mallett (Chairman), P. J. Whittaker (Vice-Chairman), S. J. Baxter, A. J. B. Beaumont, S. G. Hession, J. E. King, A. D. Kriss, C. J. Spencer, K. J. Van Der Plank and Mr. J. Cypher (Parish Councils' Representative)

### **AGENDA**

1. Apologies for Absence and Named Substitutes
2. Declarations of Interest and Whipping Arrangements  
  
To invite Councillors to declare any Disclosable Pecuniary interests or Other Disclosable Interests they may have in items on the agenda, and to confirm the nature of those interests.
3. To confirm the accuracy of the minutes of the Audit, Standards and Governance Committee meeting held on 10th September 2020 (Pages 1 - 10)
4. Standards Regime - Monitoring Officers' Report (Pages 11 - 14)
5. Progress on Best Practice Recommendations for Audit, Standards and Governance Committees (Pages 15 - 30)
6. Covid-19 Civil Contingencies Response  
  
(Report to follow)
7. Progress and Sector Report - Grant Thornton (Pages 31 - 46)
8. Internal Audit Monitoring Report (Pages 47 - 60)

9. Risk Management Group Monitoring - Verbal Update
10. Risk Register - Covid-19 and Brexit - Verbal Update
11. Risk Champion - Verbal Update Report (Councillor K. Van Der Plank)
12. Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Work Programme (Pages 61 - 62)

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