



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE AUDIT, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

TUESDAY 12TH APRIL 2022

AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors L. C. R. Mallett (Chairman), P. J. Whittaker (Vice-Chairman), A. J. B. Beaumont, R. E. Jenkins, J. E. King, A. D. Kriss, M. Middleton, C. J. Spencer and K. J. Van Der Plank

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 2nd February 2022 (Pages 1 - 10)**
- 4. Standards Regime - Monitoring Officers' Report (Pages 11 - 16)**
- 5. New Model Code of Conduct (Pages 17 - 42)**
- 6. Grant Thornton - Sector Update (Pages 43 - 56)**

7. **Grant Thornton - External Audit Plan 2020/2021** (Pages 57 - 88)
8. **Grant Thornton - Informing the Audit Risk Assessment 2020/21** (Pages 89 - 122)
9. **Overall Risk and Corporate Governance Report including Risk Register** (Pages 123 - 128)
10. **Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 129 - 178)
11. **Internal Audit - Safeguarding Verbal Update**
12. **Audit, Standards and Governance Committee - Draft Annual Report 2021-2022** (Pages 179 - 196)
13. **Risk Champion - Verbal Update Report** (Councillor A. Beaumont)
14. **Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Work Programme** (Pages 197 - 198)

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Whilst the Council acknowledges that it is no longer a legal requirement to wear face masks, we would really appreciate if the Members who attend a meeting in person would consider wearing a face covering throughout the meeting unless they are exempt or speaking.

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