



BROMSGROVE DISTRICT COUNCIL

MEETING OF THE AUDIT, STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

MONDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER 2025

AT 6.00 P.M.

PARKSIDE SUITE - PARKSIDE

MEMBERS: Councillors E. M. S. Gray (Chairman), S. T. Nock (Vice-Chairman), S. Ammar, R. Bailes, S. R. Colella, D. J. A. Forsythe, D. Hopkins, B. Kumar, D. J. Nicholl and J. D. Stanley

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 14th July 2025 (Pages 5 - 16)**

4. **Annual Review from the Local Government Ombudsman** (Pages 17 - 32)
5. **Audit Update Report 2023/24** (Pages 33 - 42)
6. **Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 43 - 56)
7. **Financial Compliance Report** (Pages 57 - 68)
8. **Annual Governance Statement** (Pages 69 - 80)
9. **Risk Champion (Overview of role and consideration of appointment)**
(Pages 81 - 82)
10. **Audit, Standards and Governance Committee Work Programme** (Pages 83 - 84)

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