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Agenda

Name of meeting AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Date MONDAY 31 JULY 2023

Time **10.00 AM**

Venue COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNTY HALL, ISLE OF WIGHT

Members of the Cllrs A Garratt (Chairman), V Churchman (Vice-Chairman), committee C Critchison, C Jarman, K Lucioni, G Peace and R Redrup

Democratic Services Officer: Megan Tuckwell

democratic.services@iow.gov.uk

1. Apologies and Changes in Membership (If Any)

To note any changes in membership of the Committee made in accordance with Part 4B paragraph 5 of the Constitution.

2. **Minutes** (Pages 5 - 10)

To confirm as a true record the Minutes of the meeting held on 20 March 2023.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

To invite councillors to declare any interest they might have in the matters on the agenda.

4. Public Question Time - 15 Minutes Maximum

Questions may be asked without notice, but to guarantee a full reply at the meeting a question must be put (including the name and address of the questioner) in writing or by email to democratic.services@iow.gov.uk, no later than two clear working days before the start of the meeting. Therefore, the deadline for written questions will be Wednesday, 26 July 2023.





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5. Reports of the External Auditor, Ernst and Young

To receive a verbal update on the progress with the reports of the External Auditors in relation to the Isle of Wight Council and the Isle of Wight Pension Fund.

6. Internal Audit Annual Report (Pages 11 - 36)

To receive and note the report of the Chief Internal Auditor.

7. Internal Audit Progress Report (Pages 37 - 62)

To receive and note the report of the Chief Internal Auditor.

8. **Property Investment Portfolio Annual Report** (Pages 63 - 72)

To receive and note the report of the Director of Regeneration.

9. Treasury Management Annual Report (Pages 73 - 90)

To receive and note the report of the Director of Finance.

10. **Procurement Half-Yearly Report** (Pages 91 - 126)

To receive and note the report of the Director of Corporate Services.

11. **The Council's Risk Profile** (Pages 127 - 154)

To receive and approve the report of the Director of Corporate Services.

12. Review of the Constitution

To consider a verbal update from the Chairman.

13. **Partnership Arrangements** (Pages 155 - 182)

To receive and consider a copy of the report presented to the Corporate Scrutiny Committee on 6 June 2023.

14. Motion referred from Full Council

To consider the motion by Cllr G Brodie as agreed at the meeting of the Full Council on 19 July 2023, as follows:

Full Council agreed to establish a politically proportionate 'Future Governance Working Group' to make recommendations to Full Council January 2024 via the Audit and Governance Committee regarding moving to a Committee system of governance (including the future Committee structure, decision-making powers, etc.). The intention being to recommend for approval a formal resolution to that meeting to bring about such a change in governance with effect on and from the Annual Council 2024.

The Future Governance Working Group shall consist of ten councillors, namely any 3 councillors from the Alliance Group, any 4 councillors from the Conservative Group, any 1 councillor from the Empowering Islanders Group, any 1 councillor from the Liberal Democrat Group, and any 1 non-aligned councillor, plus staff support.

Its terms of reference are to develop a new Committee system of governance for the Isle of Wight Council and to make recommendations for its implementation to Full Council. In so doing, the Future Governance Working Group shall, amongst other things, consider how other local authorities have made a transition back to the Committee system of governance model and what lessons can be learnt from that experience, and shall consider examples of best practice, to inform those recommendations.

15. **Workplan** (Pages 183 - 184)

To consider and note the committee's workplan.

16. Members' Question Time

A question must be submitted in writing or by email to Democratic Services <u>democratic.services@iow.gov.uk</u> no later than 10am, Thursday 27 July 2023.

CHRISTOPHER POTTER Monitoring Officer Friday, 21 July 2023

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