

Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

Wednesday 6 September 2023

6.30 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G01A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Membership

Councillor Barrie Hargrove (Chair)
Councillor John Batteson
Councillor Gavin Edwards
Councillor Sarah King
Councillor Hamish McCallum
Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Andy Simmons

Reserves

Councillor Cassandra Brown
Councillor Sam Foster
Councillor Kimberly McIntosh
Councillor David Watson

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 29 August 2023



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Order of Business

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| | PART A - OPEN BUSINESS | |
| | THE CHAIR WOULD LIKE TO REMIND MEMBERS THAT PRIOR TO THE MEETING THEY HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM OFFICERS OF PARTICULAR AREAS OF INTEREST RELATING TO REPORTS ON THE AGENDA, IN ORDER FOR OFFICERS TO UNDERTAKE PREPARATORY WORK TO ADDRESS MATTERS THAT MAY ARISE DURING DEBATE. | |
| 1. | APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE | |
| | To receive any apologies for absence. | |
| 1. | CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS | |
| | A representative of each political group will confirm the voting members of the committee. | |
| 3. | NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT | |
| | In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear days of the meeting. | |
| 4. | DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS | |
| | Members to declare any personal interests and dispensation in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting. | |
| 5. | MINUTES | 1 - 4 |

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| | To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2023. | |
| 6. | GOVERNANCE CONVERSATION: ENVIRONMENT, NEIGHBOURHOODS AND GROWTH | 5 - 12 |
| | Caroline Bruce, Strategic Director of Environment, Neighbourhoods and Growth, to discuss with the committee. | |
| 7. | CLIMATE CHAMPION CIVIC AWARD | 13 - 16 |
| | Chris Page, director of climate change, to discuss the proposed climate champion civic award | |
| 8. | EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT | |
| | Grant Thornton to provide a verbal update the committee. | |
| 9. | RESPONSE TO INTERNAL AUDIT SCHOOLS SUMMARY REPORT 2022-23 | 17 |
| | Nina Dohel to update the committee on the internal audits on schools | |
| 10. | PROGRESS REPORT ON THE WORK OF INTERNAL AUDIT: SEPTEMBER 2023 | 18 - 80 |
| 11. | ANTI-FRAUD UPDATE | 81 - 96 |
| 12. | ESTABLISHMENT OF SUB-COMMITTEES - CONDUCT SUB-COMMITTEE: VOTING MEMBERSHIP | 97 - 99 |

ANY OTHER OPEN BUSINESS AS NOTIFIED AT THE START OF THE MEETING AND ACCEPTED BY THE CHAIR AS URGENT

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The following motion should be moved, seconded and approved if the sub-committee wishes to exclude the press and public to deal with reports revealing exempt information:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1-7, Access to Information Procedure rules of the Constitution.”

PART B - CLOSED BUSINESS

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