

# Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

Wednesday 15 November 2023

7.30 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: 7 November 2023



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	<b>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.</b>	
<b>1.</b>	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
	To receive any apologies for absence.	
<b>2.</b>	<b>CONFIRMATION OF VOTING MEMBERS</b>	
	A representative of each political group will confirm the voting members of the committee.	
<b>3.</b>	<b>NOTIFICATION OF ANY ITEMS OF BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DEEMS URGENT</b>	
	In special circumstances, an item of business may be added to an agenda within five clear days of the meeting.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</b>	
	Members to declare any personal interests and dispensation in respect of any item of business to be considered at this meeting.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>MINUTES</b>	1 - 4
	To approve as a correct record the minutes of the open section of the meeting held on 6 September 2023.	

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	David Quirke-Thornton, the strategic director of children's and adults' services, to discuss with the committee.	
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**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**

Date: 7 November 2023