

Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

Monday 3 February 2025
6.30 pm

Ground Floor Meeting Room G02A - 160 Tooley Street, London SE1 2QH

Membership

Councillor Barrie Hargrove (Chair)
Councillor Maggie Browning
Councillor Dora Dixon-Fyle MBE
Councillor Nick Johnson
Councillor Graham Neale
Councillor Andy Simmons
Councillor Michael Situ

Reserves

Councillor Gavin Edwards
Councillor Esme Hicks
Councillor Richard Leeming
Councillor Margy Newens
Councillor David Watson

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Members of the committee are summoned to attend this meeting

Althea Loderick

Chief Executive

Date: 24 January 2025



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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.

2. 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

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To approve as a correct record the minutes of the open section of the meeting held on 13 November 2024.

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	Hakeem Osinaike, strategic director of housing, to attend.	
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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: 24 January 2025