



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A remote meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on **WEDNESDAY 29 JULY 2020** at **7.00pm.**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

This is a remote meeting in accordance with the Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020.

Venue

This meeting will be conducted using Zoom and a separate invitation with the link to access the meeting will be sent to Members, relevant officers and members of the public who have submitted a question.

Public Access

Members of the public, who have not submitted a question, are invited to access the meeting streamed live via Stroud District Council's [YouTube channel](#).

Recording of Proceedings

A recording of the meeting will be published onto the Council's website (www.stroud.gov.uk). The whole of the meeting will be recorded except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of press and public.

A G E N D A

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies for absence.
- 2 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
To receive declarations of interest.
- 3 **MINUTES**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 26 May 2020.

4 PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The Chair of Committee will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS

Noon on Friday, 24 July 2020

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and can be sent by email to democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk

5 OFFICER REPORT TO NOTE

Counter Fraud Unit Report - Counter Fraud Unit Manager

6 INTERNAL AUDIT EXTERNAL QUALITY ASSESSMENT (EQA) – OUTCOME

To inform Members of the outcome of the independent assessment (completed by the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors) of the Internal Audit function.

7 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (AGS) 2019/20

To summarise Stroud District Council's corporate governance arrangements in place during 2019/2020, via the publication of an AGS.

8 ANNUAL REPORT ON INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY 2019/2020

To provide the Committee with an annual report on Internal Audit Activity which fully meets the Chief Internal Auditor's annual reporting requirements, as set out in the Public Sector Internal Auditing Standards (PSIAS) 2017.

9 ANNUAL REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2019/20

To advise on the treasury management activities in 2019/2020, in accordance with the Council's Treasury Policy Statement. To report on actual 2019/2020 Prudential Indicators in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code.

10 RECOMMENDATION FROM COUNCIL

The draft Code of Conduct and the arrangements under which allegations under the Code of Conduct are investigated is to be reviewed by the Audit and Standards Committee. The Motion can be found [here](#). An extraordinary meeting has been set up to review this on Tuesday 25 August 2020.

11 STANDING ITEMS

- (a) To consider the work programme for 2020/21.
- (b) To consider any Risk Management issues.

12 MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

Members of Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Chair)

Councillor Tom Williams (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Dorcas Binns

Councillor Rachel Curley

Councillor Miranda Clifton

Councillor Stephen Davies

Councillor Karen McKeown

Councillor Keith Pearson

Councillor Mark Reeves