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AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on **TUESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER 2021** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

Please Note: The meeting is being held in the Council Chamber at Stroud District Council and will be streamed live on the Council's [YouTube Channel](#). A recording of the meeting will be published onto the [Council's website](#). 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.

Due to current Covid-19 regulations a maximum of 6 members of public will be permitted in the Council Chamber at any one time, if you would like to attend this meeting please contact democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk.

A G E N D A

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies of absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 13 July 2021 as a correct record.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**
The Chair of the Committee will answer questions from members of the public submitted in accordance with the Council's procedures.

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF QUESTIONS Noon on Thursday 23 September 2021

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. **COUNTER FRAUD UPDATE (Pages 3 - 6)**

To provide the Audit and Standards Committee with assurance over the counter fraud activities of the Council in relation to the work undertaken by the Counter Fraud Unit (CFU).

The report is presented to the Audit and Standards Committee detailing progress and results for consideration and comment as the body charged with governance in this area.

6. **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER**

To note the Annual Audit Letter on the 2020/21 External Audit.

7. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22 (Pages 7 - 120)**

To approve the Statement of Accounts 2020/21 and receive Deloitte's audit opinion, including the changes to the accounts since the unaudited accounts were signed off by the Strategic Director of Resources on 1 July 2021.

8. **1ST QUARTER TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT 2021/22 (Pages 121 - 130)**

To provide an update on treasury management activity as at 30/06/2021.

9. **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2021/22 (Pages 131 - 302)**

To inform Members of the Internal Audit activity progress in relation to the approved Internal Audit Plan 2021/22.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Appendices for this item contain exempt information by virtue of Paragraphs 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972 and a resolution may be passed to exclude the public during consideration of this item.

10. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.

11. **STANDING ITEMS**

- (a) To consider the Work Programme for 2021/22 (Pages 303 - 304)
- (b) To consider any risk management issues

Members of Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Chair)

Councillor Paula Baker
Councillor Stephen Davies
Councillor Nick Hurst
Councillor Norman Kay

Councillor Martin Percy (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Ashley Smith
Councillor Rich Wilsher