



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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21 November 2022

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on **TUESDAY, 29 NOVEMBER 2022** 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.

If you wish to attend this meeting, please contact democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk.
This is to ensure adequate seating is available in the Council Chamber.

AGENDA

1. **APOLOGIES**
To receive apologies of absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 3 - 8)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 27 September 2022.
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 Wednesday, 23rd November 2022

Questions must be submitted to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and can be sent by email to
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5. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**

See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.

6. **COUNTER FRAUD AND ENFORCEMENT UNIT REPORT (Pages 9 - 14)**

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 and Enforcement Unit.

The report also provides the Audit and Standards Committee with the updates in relation to the work streams associated with the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA), the Investigatory Powers Act 2016 (IPA) and the Council's existing authorisation arrangements.

7. **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER (Pages 15 - 48)**

To inform Members of the External Audit activity progress.

8. **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021/22 (Pages 49 - 156)**

To approve the Statement of Accounts 2021/22 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 28 July 2022.

9. **HALF YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 157 - 170)**

To provide an update on Treasury Management activity as at 30/09/2022

10. **INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 171 - 186)**

To inform Members of the Internal Audit activity progress in relation to the approved Internal Audit Plan 2022-23.

11. **STANDING ITEMS**

(a) Corporate Risk Register Update (Pages 187 - 190)

(b) To consider the Work Programme for 22 / 23 (Pages 191 - 192)

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