



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on **TUESDAY, 7 FEBRUARY 2023** 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 for absence.
2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**
To receive declarations of interest.
3. **MINUTES (Pages 3 - 8)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2022.
4. **PUBLIC QUESTIONS**
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, 1 February 2023

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. **MEMBER QUESTIONS**
See Agenda Item 4 for deadlines for submission.

6. **CONTRACT MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK UPDATE (Pages 9 - 30)**
To update the Committee on the implementation of the Contract Management Framework.
7. **OUT OF HOURS SERVICE UPDATE (Verbal Report)**
To provide a verbal update on the Out Of Hours Service.
8. **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2023/24 (Pages 31 - 66)**
This report outlines the Council's prudential indicators for 2023/24 – 2025/26 and sets out the treasury strategy for this period. It fulfils three key reports required by the Local Government Act 2003:
- reporting prudential indicators required by the CIPFA Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities;
 - a treasury management strategy in accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management;
 - an investment strategy in accordance with the DLUHC investment guidance.
- It also fulfils the statutory duty to approve a minimum revenue policy (MRP) statement for 2023/24.
9. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021-22 IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PROGRESS (Pages 67 - 72)**
To provide assurance to the Audit and Standards Committee (the Committee) that the improvement areas and associated actions identified as part of the annual review of governance arrangements operating within the Council, have been or are being addressed.
10. **UNIFIED CODE OF CONDUCT (Pages 73 - 74)**
This report sets out the proposed Member Code of Conduct.
11. **STANDING ITEMS**
(a) Corporate Risk Register Update (Pages 75 - 84)
(b) To consider the Work Programme (Pages 85 - 86)
12. **INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23 (Pages 87 - 100)**
To inform Members of the Internal Audit activity progress in relation to the approved Internal Audit Plan 2022-23.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 – EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

Appendix B for this item contains 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.

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 Pearcy (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Ashley Smith
Councillor Rich Wilsher