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AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on **TUESDAY, 18 JULY 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 - 10)**
To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18 April 2023.
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, 12 July 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. **UNAUDITED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23 (Pages 11 - 122)**
This report provides an opportunity to publicly consider the Statement of Accounts 2022-2023 ahead of the official audit opinion from Deloitte.
7. **EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN (Pages 123 - 158)**
To receive an update from External Auditors Deloitte.
8. **QUARTER 1 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 159 - 178)**
To inform Members of the Internal Audit activity progress in relation to the approved Internal Audit Plan 2023-24.
9. **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23 (Pages 179 - 204)**
This report brings forward the Annual Governance Statement for the financial year 2022/23, setting out the governance arrangements which have been in place and identifying areas of focus for 2023/24.
10. **LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Pages 205 - 216)**
For members to consider and review Stroud District Councils Local Code of Corporate Governance which has been developed in accordance with the CIPFA/SOLACE framework 'Delivering Good Governance in Local Government'.
11. **STANDING ITEMS**
 - (a) Corporate Risk Register Update (Pages 217 - 228)
 - (b) To consider the Work Programme (Pages 229 - 230)
12. **TREASURY OUTTURN 2022/23 (Pages 231 - 248)**
To advise on the treasury management activities in 2022/2023, in accordance with the Council's Treasury Policy Statement. To report on actual 2022/2023 Prudential Indicators in accordance with the requirements of the Prudential Code.

Members of Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Chair)

Councillor Paula Baker
Councillor Doina Cornell
Councillor Stephen Davies
Councillor Christopher Jockel

Councillor Martin Percy (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Norman Kay
Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Ashley Smith