



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on **TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2020** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at **7.00 pm.**

Kathy O'Leary
Chief Executive

Please Note: This meeting will be filmed for live or subsequent broadcast via the Council's internet site (www.stroud.gov.uk). By entering the Council Chamber you are consenting to being filmed. The whole of the meeting will be filmed except where there are confidential or exempt items, which may need to be considered in the absence of the press and public.

AGENDA

- 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 19 November 2019.
- 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 THURSDAY 23 JANUARY 2020
Questions must be submitted in writing to the Chief Executive, Democratic Services, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud and sent by post or by Email: democratic.services@stroud.gov.uk.
- 5 **EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN**
To follow under separate cover.

- 6** **INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT 2019/20**
To inform Members of the Internal Audit activity progress in relation to the approved Internal Audit Plan 2019/20.
- 7** **COUNTER FRAUD UNIT REPORT**
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).
- 8** **INTERNAL AUDIT PURPOSE, AUTHORITY, ROLE AND FUNCTION**
Regulation and mandatory auditing standards require the Chief Internal Auditor to periodically review and present the Internal Audit Strategies to Senior Management and the Audit and Standards Committee, to provide assurance that the Internal Audit function operates in accordance with professional standards.
- 9** **ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2018/2019 IMPROVEMENT PLAN – PROGRESS REPORT**
To provide assurance to 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/are being addressed.
- 10** **TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY, ANNUAL INVESTMENT STRATEGY AND MINIMUM REVENUE PROVISION POLICY STATEMENT 2020/21**
To outline the Council's prudential indicators for 2020/21 – 2022/23 and set out the treasury strategy for this period. It also fulfils the statutory duty to approve a minimum revenue policy (MRP) statement for 2020/21.
- 11** **3RD QUARTER TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT 2019/20**
To provide an update on treasury management activity as at 31 December 2019.
- 12** **STANDING ITEMS**
a) To consider the work programme for 2019/20
b) To consider any Risk Management issues.

Members of Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Chair)
Councillor Tom Williams (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Dorcas Binns
Councillor Miranda Clifton
Councillor Rachel Curley

Councillor Stephen Davies
Councillor Karen McKeown
Councillor Keith Pearson
Councillor Mark Reeves