

14 September 2016

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee will be held on **22 SEPTEMBER 2016** in the Council Chamber, Ebley Mill, Ebley Wharf, Stroud at 7.00 pm.



David Hagg
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 5 July 2016.
- 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 is noon on 19 September 2016.
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 WORK PROGRAMME**
To consider and update the work programme.

- 6 **REPORT TO THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE**
To consider KPMG's External Audit Report 2015/16.
- 7 **STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2015/16**
To approve the Statement of Accounts 2015/16 and receive KPMG's audit opinion.
- 8 **ANNUAL REPORT ON TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY AND ACTUAL PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2015/16**
To advise on the Treasury Management activities in 2015/16 in accordance with the Council's Treasury Policy Statement.
- 9 **1ST QUARTER TREASURY MANAGEMENT ACTIVITY REPORT 2016/17**
To approve an update on treasury management activity as at 30 June 2016.
- 10 **STANDARDS REVIEW: CODE OF CONDUCT AND INVESTIGATIONS PROCEDURE**
To consider the standards issues during 2015/16 and review the current investigations procedure.
- 11 **INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT 2016/17**
To inform Members of the internal audit activity progress in relation to the approved internal audit plan.
- 12 **SELF ASSESSMENT OF RISK MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENTS**
To provide independent assurance on the adequacy of the Council's risk management framework.
- 13 **CHANGES TO THE ARRANGEMENTS FOR APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS**
To recommend to Council the preferred appointment process for the appointment of external auditors.
- 14 **MEMBERS' QUESTIONS**
See Agenda Item 4 for deadline for submission.

Members of Audit and Standards Committee

Councillor Nigel Studdert-Kennedy (Chair)

Councillor Rachel Curley (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Martin Baxendale

Councillor Stephen Davies

Councillor Colin Fryer

Councillor Keith Pearson

Councillor Mark Reeves

Councillor Tom Williams

Councillor Penny Wride