

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE AGENDA

Monday, 20 June 2016 at 10.00 am in the Blaydon Room - Civic Centre

From the Chief Executive, Jane Robinson

Item Business

1. Apologies for Absence

2. Constitution

The constitution of the Committee, including the appointment of the Chair and Vice Chairs, was approved by the Council at its meeting on Friday 20 May 2016 as follows:

Chair	Councillor Helen Hughes	
Vice Chair	Councillor Michael Hood	
Councillors	Pauline Dillon Linda Green John McElroy	Jill Green John McClurey
Independent Members	Judith Common George Clark Councillor Audrey Harrison (Lamesley Parish)	Brinley Jones
Independent Person	Tony Atkinson	

3. Remit of the Audit and Standards Committee (Pages 3 - 6)

Report of the Strategic Director Corporate Services and Governance

4. Minutes (Pages 7 - 8)

The Committee is asked to approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on Monday 25 April 2016.

5. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare interests in any agenda items.

6. External Auditor: Audit Progress Report (Pages 9 - 18)

Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources

7. Oversight of Management Processes 2015/16 (Pages 19 - 30)

Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources.

8. **Members' Assurance Statements 2015/16** (Pages 31 - 32)
Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources
 9. **Managers' Assurance Statements 2015/16** (Pages 33 - 38)
Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources.
 10. **Review of the Effectiveness of Internal Audit 2015/16** (Pages 39 - 50)
Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources.
 11. **Corporate Risk Management - Annual Report 2015/16** (Pages 51 - 74)
Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources.
 12. **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Committee may wish to exclude the press and public from the meeting during consideration of the exempt item in accordance with Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972.
 13. **Annual Governance Statement 2015/16** (Pages 75 - 88)
Report of the Strategic Director, Corporate Resources.
- EXEMPT ITEM
14. **Internal Audit Annual Report 2015/16** (Pages 89 - 96)
Report of the Chief Internal Auditor