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A meeting of the **Corporate Governance & Audit Committee** will be held in Virtual on **Monday 27 March 2023 at 2.00 pm**

MEMBERS: Mr F Hobbs (Chairman), Mr J Brown (Vice-Chairman), Miss H Barrie, Mr A Dignum, Mr T Johnson, Dr K O'Kelly, Mr D Palmer and Mr P Wilding

## AGENDA

- 1 **Chairman's Announcements**  
Any apologies for absence that have been received will be noted at this point.
- 2 **Approval of Minutes** (Pages 1 - 5)  
The committee is requested to approve the minutes of its ordinary meeting on 9 January 2023.
- 3 **Urgent items**  
The chairman will announce any urgent items that due to special circumstances are to be dealt with under the Late Items agenda item.
- 4 **Declarations of Interest**  
These are to be made by members of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee or other Chichester District Council members present in respect of matters on the agenda for this meeting.
- 5 **Public Question Time**  
The procedure for submitting public questions in writing by no later than noon 2 working days before the meeting is available [here](#) or from the Democratic Services Officer (whose contact details appear on the front page of this agenda).
- 6 **Accounting Policies 2022-23** (Pages 7 - 9)
  1. **Recommendation**  
  
The committee is requested to consider this report and approve the continued application of existing accounting policies in the preparation of the Council's 2022-23 financial statements.
- 7 **Internal Audit - Audit Plan Progress** (Pages 11 - 17)  
The Committee is requested to consider and note the audit plan progress report and its appendices.
- 8 **Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Work Programme 2023-24** (Pages 19 - 23)  
**Recommendation**  
  
The committee is requested to consider and agree its work programme for 2023-24.

9 **Risk Management Update** (Pages 25 - 61)

Recommendation:

That the Committee notes the updated Strategic Risk Register and the internal controls in place, plus any associated action plans to manage those risks, and raises any issues or concerns.

10 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

The Committee is asked to consider in respect of the following item(s) whether the public, including the press, should be excluded from the meeting on the grounds of exemption under Parts I to 7 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the item and because, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption of that information outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. **The reports dealt with under this part of the agenda are attached for members of the Corporate Governance & Audit Committee and senior officers only (salmon paper).**

11 **Report on Potential Litigation Liabilities of the Council in 2023** (Pages 63 - 65)

The Committee are requested to note the contents of the Part II report and make the associated recommendations.

12 **Late items**

The committee will consider any late items as follows:

- a) Items added to the agenda papers and made available for public inspection
- b) Items that the chairman has agreed should be taken as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances to be reported at the meeting

### NOTES

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  - a) Members of the Corporate Governance & Audit Committee, the Cabinet and Senior Officers receive paper copies of the supplements (including appendices).
  - b) The press and public may view this information on the council's website here [here](#) unless they contain exempt information.
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