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A meeting of **Corporate Governance & Audit Committee** will be held in Committee Room 2, East Pallant House on **Thursday 26 January 2017 at 9.30 am**

MEMBERS: Mrs P Tull (Chairman), Mr G Barrett (Vice-Chairman), Mr G Hicks, Mr I Curbishley, Mr T Dempster, Mrs N Graves, Mrs P Hardwick, Mr F Hobbs, Mr P Jarvis and Mr S Morley

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 - 7)
The committee is requested to approve the minutes of its ordinary meeting on 24 November 2016.
- 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 12:00pm the day before the meeting is available [here](#) or from Democratic Services Officer (whose contact details appear on the front page of this agenda).
- 6 **Certification of claims and returns annual report 2015-16 - Ernst & Young LLP** (Pages 8 - 17)
The committee is requested to consider the attached report from Ernst & Young LLP summarising the results of work on the Council's 2015-16 claims and returns.
- 7 **Audit Progress Report - Ernst & Young LLP** (Pages 18 - 27)
The committee is requested to consider the attached report from Ernst & Young LLP giving an overview of the final position against the Council's 2015-16 audit plan and initial plans for the 2016-17 audit.
- 8 **Budget 2017-18 Review**
The committee's members on the Budget Task and Finish Group, Mrs P Tull, Mr Barrett and Mr Hicks, will provide an oral report on the outcomes of this review which included projected outturns and variances for 2016-17.
- 9 **Treasury Management Strategy Statement for 2017-18** (Pages 28 - 62)
The committee is requested to consider the Treasury Management Policy Statement, the Treasury Management Strategy Statement, the Investment

Strategy and relevant prudential indicators for 2017-18 and recommend these to Cabinet and Council for approval.

10 **Internal Audit - Audit Plan Progress** (Pages 63 - 82)

The committee is requested to consider and make comment on the audit reports and to note progress against the audit plan.

11 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

There are no restricted items for consideration.

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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