

Friday, 1 March 2019

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee will be held on Monday, 11 March 2019 in the Old Council Chamber, Town Hall, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 7.00 pm.

Should you require advice on declaring an interest in any item on the agenda, please contact the Monitoring Officer at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully

Chief Executive

To Councillors: E H Atherton (Vice-Chair) J M Owen

S A Bagshaw J C Patrick
T P Brindley K E Rigby
J C Goold R S Robinson
J W Handley (Chair) P J Owen

AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u>

Members are requested to declare the existence and nature of any disclosable pecuniary interest and/or other interest in any item on the agenda.

3. MINUTES PAGES 1 - 4

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 3 December 2018.

4. ANNUAL REPORT ON GRANTS AND RETURNS 2017/18 PAGES 5 - 6

The Council's external auditors, Mazars, have issued an Annual Report on grants and returns work 2017/18.

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY

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This report provides the Committee with an overview on progress in delivering Mazar's responsibilities as the Council's external auditors.

6. <u>EXTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2017/18 – MANAGEMENT</u> PAGES 31 - 36 RESPONSES UPDATE

To provide additional details of actions being undertaken in response to the recommendations made by the external auditors in their report on the external audit of the Council's 2017/18 accounts.

7. <u>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/2019 - ACCOUNTING PAGES 37 - 56 POLICIES</u>

To provide Members with any updates made to the Council's accounting policies in relation to the production of the 2018/2019 financial statements.

8. <u>STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2018/2019 - UNDERLYING</u> PAGES 57 - 58 PENSION ASSUMPTIONS

To provide Members with information regarding the assumptions made by the pension fund actuary in calculating the IAS 19 (International Accounting Standard 19 - Employee Benefits) figures to be reported in the 2018/2019 Statement of Accounts.

9. <u>INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT</u>

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To inform the Committee of the recent work completed by Internal Audit.

10. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2019/20

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To approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2019/20.

11. REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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To recommend approval of amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the action plans identified to mitigate risks.

12. <u>WORK PROGRAMME</u>

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To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings.