



Friday, 17 November 2023

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee will be held on Monday, 27 November 2023 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, 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:	S J Carr (Chair)	K Harlow
	S Paterson (Vice-Chair)	G S Hills
	P J Bales	A Kingdon
	M Brown	J M Owen
	R Bullock	C M Tideswell
	G Bunn	S Webb
	R S Falvey	

## AGENDA

1. APOLOGIES

To receive apologies and to be notified of the attendance of substitutes.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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 5 - 8)  

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 18 September 2023.
4. MINUTES FROM THE ADVISORY SHAREHOLDER SUB COMMITTEE (Pages 9 - 10)  

The Committee is asked to note the minutes of the Advisory Shareholder Sub Committee.
5. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE 2021/22 AND 2022/23  

Mazars, the Council's external auditors, will provide the Committee with a verbal update on progress with the audit of accounts for both 2021/22 and 2022/23.
6. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW (Pages 11 - 42)  

To inform the Committee of the proposed arrangements for the Community Governance Review of the north of the borough.
7. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES (Pages 43 - 60)  

To ask the Committee to recommend to Council the proposed changes to the polling districts and polling places set out in the appendices to the report.
8. REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER (Pages 61 - 68)  

The Housing Ombudsman has made a finding of maladministration in respect of the Council failing to notify a complainant that their utility meters were locked behind a suited lock.
9. REVIEW OF STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER (Pages 69 - 84)  

To approve the amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the action plans identified to mitigate risks.

10. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 85 - 94)

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

11. WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 95 - 96)

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

12. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

**The Committee is asked to RESOLVE that, under Section 100A of the Local Government Act, 1972, the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 of Schedule 12A of the Act.**

13. INTERNAL AUDIT REVIEW APPENDIX 3 (Pages 97 - 100)