



Friday, 10 May 2024

Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee will be held on Monday, 20 May 2024 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 6.00 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: All Councillors

## A G E N D A

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 March 2024.

4. COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW -  
CONSIDERATION OF FINAL RECOMMENDATION (Pages 9 - 56)  
  
To ask the Committee to approve the draft recommendations to be put forward for consultation as part of the Community Governance Review (CGR) which started in January 2024.
5. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE  
  
Mazars, the Council's external auditors, will provide the Committee with a verbal update on progress with the audit of accounts for 2021/22 and 2022/23.
6. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25 (Pages 57 - 66)  
  
To approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2024/25.
7. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 67 - 74)  
  
The Committee is asked to note the recent work of Internal Audit.
8. ANNUAL CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW (Pages 75 - 340)  
  
To consider amendments to the Constitution and in particular to the Council Procedure Rules, the Scheme of Delegation, the Employee Code of Conduct and Council Hearing Procedures and to recommend these to full Council to be adopted.
9. ANNUAL CODE OF CONDUCT REVIEW (Pages 341 - 364)  
  
To update Members on the annual review of the Code of Conduct, training provided to the Borough and Parish/Town Members and to update on Member Code of Conduct Complaints.
10. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS (Pages 365 - 402)  
  
To inform the Committee of action taken to develop and comply with statutory obligations regarding corporate governance and to seek approval for the Annual Governance Statement for inclusion in the Council's published Statement of Accounts for 2023/24.

11. WORK PROGRAMME

(Pages 403 - 404)

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