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Dear Sir/Madam

A meeting of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee will be held on Monday, 25 November 2024 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, Foster Avenue, Beeston NG9 1AB, commencing at 6.00pm.

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

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Chief Executive

To Councillors: S J Carr (Chair) E Winfield (Vice-Chair) M Brown R Bullock S Dannheimer K A Harlow G S Hills S P Jeremiah A Kingdon W Mee J M Owen S Webb K Woodhead

<u>A G E N D A</u>

1. <u>Apologies</u>

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. <u>Minutes</u>

The Committee is asked to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 23 September 2024.

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| 4. | Minutes from the Advisory Shareholder Sub Committee | (Pages 17 - 18) |
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| | Members of the Governance, Audit and Standards Committee are asked to NOTE the minutes of the Advisory Shareholder Sub Committee held on 14 October 2024. | |
| 5. | Audit of Accounts and Associated Matters | (Pages 19 - 60) |
| | To receive the Audit Strategy Memorandum from the Council's external auditors and to note the progress made with the 2023/24 audit. | |
| 6. | Interim Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places | (Pages 61 - 64) |
| | To ask the Committee to recommend to Council the proposed changes to polling places as set out in the appendices to the report. | |
| 7. | Community Governance Review | (Pages 65 - 86) |
| | To ask Committee to approve the recommendation and conclude the Community Governance Review (CGR) 2023. | |
| 8. | Planning Appeal Costs | (Pages 87 - 90) |
| | To inform Members about the recent costs awards won against the Council following successful appeals by developers, and to propose future options. | |
| 9. | Internal Audit Progress Report | (Pages 91 - 100) |
| | To inform the Committee of the recent work completed by Internal Audit. | |
| 10. | Review of Strategic Risk Register | (Pages 101 - 114) |
| | To approve the amendments to the Strategic Risk Register and the action plans identified to mitigate risks. | |
| 11. | Quarterly Complaint Report | (Pages 115 - 136) |
| | To provide Members with a summary of complaints made against the Council. | |

| 12. | Findings of Fault Determinations Reported from the Ombudsman | (Pages 137 - 202) |
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| | To provide Members with the recent findings of fault determinations made by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman and Housing Ombudsman. | |
| 13. | Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman Annual Review | (Pages 203 - 214) |
| | To present the Local Government Ombudsman's (LGO) annual review of complaints received and determined and thereby promote all the Council's objectives. | |
| 14. | Work Programme | (Pages 215 - 216) |
| | To consider items for inclusion in the Work Programme for future meetings. | |