

Meeting: **Audit and Governance Committee**
Date: **30 July 2020**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Zoom Virtual Meeting**

To: **All members of the Audit and Governance Committee**

The committee will consider the matters, listed below, at the date and time shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public and streamed live at bit.ly/YouTubeMeetings

If members have any particular questions on the report it would help the management of the meeting if they could send them in on or before Tuesday 28 July to committee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk. Members can raise matters in the meeting of course but knowledge of the areas of any concern prior to its commencement will aid the running of the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 3 - 4)**

Members of the committee should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) other significant interests (OSI);
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

3. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2020.

Queries about the agenda? Need a different format?

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4. **Grant Thornton - Audit progress report (Pages 11 - 26)**

Audit Progress report and Sector update.

5. **Internal Audit Annual report 2019-20 (Pages 27 - 44)**

This report provides the summary of the impact of the work of the East Kent Audit Partnership for the year to 31st March 2020.

6. **Internal Audit Progress report from the Head of the East Kent Audit Partnership (Pages 45 - 68)**

This report includes the summary of the work of the East Kent Audit Partnership (EKAP) since the last Audit and Governance Committee meeting together with details of the performance of the EKAP to the 31st May 2020.

7. **Statement of Accounts 2019/20 (Pages 69 - 206)**

In accordance with the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the council must consider and approve its Statement of Accounts no later than 31 July 2019. However guidance has been issued in relation to the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts to provide greater flexibility in the preparation and audit of accounts due to the impacts of the global pandemic. Therefore Local Authorities are expected to publish draft Statement of Accounts by 31 August and have Audited Accounts available by 30 November 2020. The Accounts presented are subjected to audit which is ongoing at the time of drafting this report.

8. **Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 (Pages 207 - 230)**

Under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (as amended), local authorities are required to produce an Annual Governance Statement. This report describes the process followed and seeks approval for the Annual Governance Statement for the year 2019/20.