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NOTICE OF MEETING OF THE AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Dear Councillor

You are invited to attend a meeting of the Audit & Governance Committee on
Thursday, 13th July, 2023 at 6.30 pm
in the Committee Room, Municipal Buildings, West Street, Boston PE21 8QR

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Membership:

Chairman:	Councillor Barrie Pierpoint
Vice Chairman:	Councillor Anton Dani
Councillors:	Jyothi Arayambath, Richard Austin BEM, James Cantwell, Mike Gilbert, Paul Gleeson, David Middleton, Chris Mountain, Lina Savickiene and David Scoot

A G E N D A

PART I - PRELIMINARIES

A MINUTES (Pages 1 - 4)

To sign and confirm the minutes of the last meeting.

B APOLOGIES

To receive apologies for absence.

C DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

To receive declarations of interests in respect of any item on the agenda.

D PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To answer any written questions received from members of the public no later than 5 p.m. two clear working days prior to the meeting – for this meeting the deadline is 5 p.m. on Monday 10th July.

PART II - AGENDA ITEMS

- 1 EXTERNAL AUDIT STRATEGY MEMORANDUM 2022/23 (Pages 5 - 40)
(A report by Bethan Frudd, Audit Manager – Public & Social Sector (Mazars))
- 2 DRAFT FINANCIAL STATEMENT INCLUDING ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022/23 (Pages 41 - 148)
(A report by Tony Gwam, Interim Year End Closedown Consultant)
- 3 WRITTEN POSITION STATEMENT RESPONSE TO DLUHC LETTER (Pages 149 - 152)
(A verbal report by Sam Knowles, Chief Finance Officer PSPS)
- 4 ANNUAL TREASURY REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 153 - 176)
(A report by Sean Howsam, Interim Treasury Manager)
- 5 COMBINED ASSURANCE (Pages 177 - 196)
(A report by John Medler, Assistant Director – Governance & Monitoring Officer)
- 6 INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2022/23 (Pages 197 - 220)
(A report by Matthew Waller, Internal Audit Team Manager)
- 7 LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE (Pages 221 - 238)
(A report by John Medler, Assistant Director, Governance & Monitoring Officer)
- 8 Q4 RISK REPORT 2022/23 (Pages 239 - 254)
(A report by Suzanne Rolfe, Group Manager - Insights & Transformation Group Manager)
- 9 RECRUITMENT OF CO-OPTED INDEPENDENT MEMBERS (Pages 255 - 276)
(A report by John Medler, Assistant Director – Governance & Monitoring Officer)

10 WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 277 - 294)

(For Members to consider the Committee's work programme.)

11 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

That under Section 100(a)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the Meeting for the following item on the grounds that, if they were present, there could be disclosed to them exempt information as defined in paragraph(s) 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act (as amended).

12 UPDATE ON PROPERTY FUND (Pages 295 - 300)

(A report by Sean Howsam, Interim Treasury Manager)

Notes:

The person to contact about the agenda and documents for this meeting is Pippa Rose, Democratic Services Officer, Municipal Buildings, Boston, 01205 314228 email: pippa.rose@boston.gov.uk

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