

AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

Thursday 6 April 2023 at 7.30 pm

Place: Council Chamber, Epsom Town Hall

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The members listed below are summoned to attend the Audit and Scrutiny Committee meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Councillor Steve Bridger (Chair)
Councillor Nigel Collin (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Rob Geleit
Councillor David Gulland
Councillor Christine Howells

Councillor Phil Neale
Councillor David Reeve
Councillor Alan Sursham
Councillor Chris Webb

Yours sincerely



Chief Executive

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Public information

Please note that this meeting will be held at the Town Hall, Epsom and will be available to observe live on the internet

This meeting will be open to the press and public to attend as an observer using free YouTube software.

A link to the online address for this meeting is provided on the first page of this agenda and on the Council's website. A limited number of seats will also be available in the public gallery at the Town Hall. For further information please contact Democratic Services, email: democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk, telephone: 01372 732000.

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Exclusion of the Press and the Public

There are no matters scheduled to be discussed at this meeting that would appear to disclose confidential or exempt information under the provisions Schedule 12A of the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985. Should any such matters arise during the course of discussion of the below items or should the Chairman agree to discuss any other such matters on the grounds of urgency, the Committee will wish to resolve to exclude the press and public by virtue of the private nature of the business to be transacted.

Questions from the Public

Questions from the public are permitted at meetings of this Committee. Any person wishing to ask a question at a meeting of this Committee must register to do so, as set out below.

Up to 30 minutes will be set aside for written or oral questions from any member of the public who lives, works, attends an educational establishment or owns or leases land in the Borough on matters within the Terms of Reference of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee which may not include matters listed on a Committee Agenda.

All questions whether written or oral must consist of one question only, they cannot consist of multi parts or of a statement.

The question or topic may not relate to a specific planning application or decision under the Planning Acts, a specific application for a licence or permit of any kind, the personal affairs of an individual, or a matter which is exempt from disclosure or confidential under the Local Government Act 1972. Questions which in the view of the Chairman are vexatious or frivolous will not be accepted.

To register to ask a question at a meeting of this Committee, please contact Democratic Services, email: democraticservices@epsom-ewell.gov.uk, telephone: 01372 732000.

Written questions must be received by Democratic Services by noon on the tenth working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 23 March 2023**

Registration for oral questions is open until noon on the second working day before the day of the meeting. For this meeting this is **Noon, 4 April**

AGENDA

1. QUESTION TIME

To take any questions from members of the Public.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members are asked to declare the existence and nature of any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in respect of any item of business to be considered at the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING (Pages 5 - 10)

The Committee is asked to confirm as a true record the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 2 February 2023 (attached) and to authorise the Chair to sign them.

4. SIAP INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023-2024 AND INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER (Pages 11 - 34)

This report introduces the Internal Audit Plan and Charter for 2023-2024.

5. SIAP INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - APRIL 2023 (Pages 35 - 54)

This report summarises progress against the Internal Audit Plan 2022-2023.

6. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE (Pages 55 - 60)

This report presents an update on the 2021/22 Statement of Accounts audit and the Annual Auditor's Report.

7. COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023 (Pages 61 - 70)

This report presents the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee for 2022-2023.

8. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE USE OF RIPA POWERS (Pages 71 - 74)

To report on the Council's activities relating to surveillance under the Regulation of Investigatory Powers Act 2000 (RIPA) for 2021.

9. OMBUDSMAN ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22 (Pages 75 - 82)

This report provides the annual review of complaints received and decisions made by the Local Government and Social Care Ombudsman during 2021-2022.

10. COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME 2023-2024 (Pages 83 - 88)

This report presents the Committee with the work programme for 2023-2024.