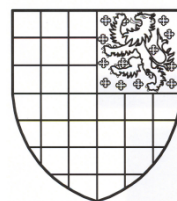


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**To: Cllrs Bird; Catlin; Lamb; Maples; Milner**

A Meeting of the **Audit & Governance Panel** will be held on **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019**, in the **Yarrow Room, Town Hall, Lewes** at **7:00pm** which you are summoned to attend.

S Brigden, Town Clerk  
2nd August 2019

## **AGENDA**

### 1. ELECTION of CHAIRMAN

To elect a Chairman for the Panel for the 2019/20 municipal year

### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

To consider apologies from members of the panel who are unable to attend.

### 3. QUESTION TIME

To consider any questions regarding items on the agenda.

### 4. MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To note declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

### 5. MINUTES

To agree Minutes of the meeting held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019.

*(attached page 3)*

### 6. REMIT of the PANEL

1. The Audit & Governance Panel comprises (6) Members, who are NOT also authorized to sign cheques or other financial instruments or appointed to the Finance Working Party.

2. The Panel is asked to meet at least 3 times per year, at a practical time following the ends of the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and final financial quarters, with a remit to monitor treasury management and budgets. The Panel will act as a public complaints review panel should the need arise, making recommendations to Council as appropriate.

3. The Panel is delegated authority to carry-out on behalf of the Council those aspects of the prevailing national audit & governance regime that call for member oversight of details (eg routine bank reconciliation to ledgers, and recommendations to write-off bad debt). Any items where it is necessary to record a Member's signature are delegated to the presiding Chairman of the Panel. All such reviews and signatures are to be detailed in Panel minutes, and thereby reported to Council at the next appropriate meeting.

### 7. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

- Routine financial oversight – 1<sup>st</sup> qtr 2019/20

*(documents to follow for Panel Members)*

***For further information about items on this agenda please contact the Town Clerk at the above address.***

**PUBLIC ATTENDANCE:** Members of the public have the right, and are welcome, to attend meetings of the Council – questions may be heard at the start of each meeting with the Chairman's consent, and subject to time available. Questions or requests to address the Council should, whenever possible, be submitted in writing to the Town Clerk at least 24 hours in advance. **PLEASE NOTE:** As space is limited, we would appreciate advanced warning if you plan to attend in a group; perhaps with neighbours, or to bring a party of student observers. We may be able to arrange for the meeting to be held in an alternative room.

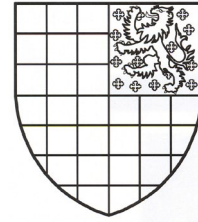
General questions can be raised at our offices between 9am-5pm Mons- Thurs; 9am-4pm on Fridays – our staff will be pleased to assist.

**Distribution: Cllrs Bird; Catlin; Lamb; Maples; Milner**

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## **MINUTES**

of the **Audit & Governance Panel** held on **Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019**, in the **Yarrow Room, Town Hall, Lewes** at **7:00pm**.

**PRESENT** Cllrs S Catlin; M Milner (*Chairman*).

**In attendance:** S Brigden (*Town Clerk [TC]*)

**AudPan2018/23 QUESTIONS:** There were none

**AudPan2018/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** Apologies were received from Cllr Barker, who was working in Northern Ireland; Cllr Lamb who had a family commitment in London, and Cllr Rowell who had an unspecified long-standing engagement. No message had been received from Cllr Elliott.

**AudPan2018/25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** There were none.

**AudPan2018/26 MINUTES:** The minutes of the meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> December 2018 were received and signed as an accurate record.

**AudPan2018/27 BUSINESS OF THE MEETING:**

It was noted that although the meeting was once again inquorate, the routine matters of oversight and verification should proceed.

1 *Routine financial monitoring:* Members were furnished with detailed information (*copies in minute book*) following the end of the third quarter of the financial year 2018/19.

*Budget monitoring update* – this showed actual expenditure and income values as posted to the Council's *Sage* accounting system for all transactions processed in the period. There was some discussion on salient points of detail, and TC responded with reference to the identified sources. Apparent variations were related to known events, such as specific payments in respect of works and purchases, or perceived 'overspend' which are attributable to Reserves in the final accounts prepared at year-end. There were no items of concern.

2 *Oversight as required by the Governance & Accountability Code of Practice:* TC introduced the file of periodic bank reconciliations, for review of the scrutiny already conducted. The Chairman appended his signature to verify this.

3 *Investment:* Given the presence of only two Members and the climate surrounding 'Brexit', this subject was deferred to a later date.

**AudPan2018/28 CONCLUSIONS:**

1 Members considered information on the Council's financial status and management, and found no items of concern.

2 In accordance with the national audit and governance guidelines: where member oversight is required, the Chairman of the Panel signed to attest the veracity of reconciliation records presented.

**AudPan2018/29** There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed.

*The meeting closed at 7:45pm*

Signed ..... date .....