

Audit and Standards Committee

Tuesday 12 December 2023

10:00

Oak Room, County Buildings, Stafford

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John Tradewell
Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services
4 December 2023

Agenda

1. **Apologies**
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 September 2023** (Pages 1 - 6)
4. **Final Reports to those charged with Governance (ISA 260) 2020/21**
 - a) Staffordshire County Council (Pages 7 - 64)
Report of Ernst and Young
 - b) Staffordshire Pension Fund (Pages 65 - 104)
Report of Ernst and Young
5. **Staffordshire Pension Fund Audit Planning Report 2022/23** (Pages 105 - 144)
Report of Ernst and Young
6. **2020/21 Management Representation Letters** (Pages 145 - 162)
Report of the Director of Finance

7. **Annual Governance Statement 2022/23** (Pages 163 - 226)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and Director for Corporate Services

8. **Health, Safety and Wellbeing Annual Performance Report 2022/23** (Pages 227 - 246)

Report of the Deputy Chief Executive and the Director for Corporate Services

9. **National Fraud Initiative - Update** (Pages 247 - 260)

Report of the Director of Finance

10. **Internal Audit Plan 2023 - 2024 Progress Report** (Pages 261 - 276)

Report of the Director of Finance

11. **Forward Plan for the Audit and Standards Committee** (Pages 277 - 290)

12. **Exclusion of the Public**

The Chairman to move:

“That the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business which involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the paragraphs of Part 1 of Schedule 12A (as amended) of the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated below”.

Part Two
(reports in this section are exempt)

13. **Exempt Minutes of the meeting held on 19 September 2023** (Pages 291 - 292)

(Exemption paragraph 3)

14. **Sales to Cash 2022/23 - Limited Assurance Report** (Pages 293 - 350)

(Exemption paragraph 3)

Membership	
Arshad Afsar	James Salisbury
Richard Cox	Janice Silvester-Hall
Keith Flunder	Stephen Sweeney
Philippa Haden	Carolyn Trowbridge (Vice-Chair)
Phil Hewitt	Ross Ward
Derrick Huckfield	Bernard Williams
Graham Hutton	Mike Worthington (Chair)
Bernard Peters	

Notes for Members of the Press and Public

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