

Governance and Audit Committee



SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL



Wednesday, 24 January 2024 at 2.00 pm
Council Chamber - Council Offices, St. Peter's Hill,
Grantham. NG31 6PZ

Committee Councillor Tim Harrison (Chairman)
Members: Councillor Paul Wood (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Patsy Ellis, Councillor Bridget Ley, Councillor Charmaine Morgan,
Councillor Rob Shorrocks, Councillor Peter Stephens, Councillor Ian Stokes and
Councillor Sue Woolley

Agenda

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- 1. Apologies for absence**
- 2. Disclosure of interests**
Members are asked to disclose any interests in matters for consideration at the meeting.
- 3. Minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2023** (Pages 3 - 14)
- 4. Updates from previous meeting** (Page 15)
To consider updates on Actions agreed at the meeting held on 29 November 2023.
- 5. External Audit Findings 2022-2023** (To Follow)
- 6. Value for Money Opinion 2021-22 and 2022-2023** (To Follow)
- 7. Statement of Accounts 2022-2023 Update** (To Follow)

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- 8. Internal Audit Progress Report** (Pages 17 - 51)
Auditors from RSM UK Risk Assurance Services will present the Internal Audit Progress Report.
- 9. Appointment of the Council Internal Auditors** (Pages 53 - 56)
One of the key areas for Governance and Audit Committee, as part of its terms of reference, is to approve the appointment of internal audit services which is an integral element of the Council's overall risk management and control arrangements.
- 10. Treasury Management Strategy Statement 2024-2025** (Pages 57 - 92)
This Council is required by regulations issued under the Local Government Act 2003 to produce a Treasury Management Statement for each financial year. The draft Statement meets the requirements of the CIPFA Code of Practice on Treasury Management (the Code) and the Prudential Code.
- 11. Complaints Statistics: April-November 2023** (To Follow)
To present the complaints statistics for the period April – November 2023.
- 12. Health and Safety Policy 2023 - 2025** (Pages 93 - 129)
This report presents the updated Health and Safety Policy. This updated policy ensures compliance with the Council's legal duties and covers the period 2023-25. The Council's Health and Safety Policy is its statement of intent and commitment to managing any risk that may arise from its undertakings.
- 13. LeisureSK Limited - Board of Directors** (Pages 131 - 135)
The Governance and Audit Committee is requested to consider a recommendation from the Culture and Leisure Overview and Scrutiny Committee regarding a 'Vote of No Confidence' in the Board of Directors.

The Governance and Audit Committee is also requested to consider making appointments to the Board of Directors further to the resignations of Councillor James Denniston, Councillor Charmaine Morgan and South Kesteven District Council Corporate Director Nicola M^cCoy-Brown.
- 14. Work Programme 2023 - 2024** (Pages 137 - 138)
To consider the Committee's Work Programme for 2023 – 2024.
- 15. Any other business, which the chairman, by reasons of special circumstances, decides is urgent.**