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## **Governance Committee**

A virtual meeting of the Committee will be held at **2.15 pm on Monday, 23 November 2020.**

**Note:** In accordance with regulations in response to the current public health emergency, this meeting will be held virtually with members in remote attendance. Public access is via webcasting.

**The meeting will be available to watch live via the Internet at this address:**

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## **Agenda**

### **1. Declarations of Interest**

Members and officers must declare any pecuniary or personal interest in any business on the agenda. They should also make declarations at any stage such as an interest becomes apparent during the meeting. Consideration should be given to leaving the meeting if the nature of the interest warrants it. If in doubt please contact Democratic Services before the meeting.

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee (Pages 5 - 8)**

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 7 September 2020 (cream paper).

### **3. Urgent Matters**

Items not on the agenda which the Chairman of the meeting is of the opinion should be considered as a matter of urgency by reason of special circumstances.

### **4. Report of the Independent Remuneration Panel (Pages 9 - 44)**

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to consider the report of the Independent Remuneration Panel and recommendations for the scheme of allowances and expenses from May 2021, for recommendation to the County Council.

5. **Plans for Member Meetings during the COVID-19 Emergency** (Pages 45 - 54)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee agreed to review plans for Council/committee meetings at each of its meetings during the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Committee is asked to consider an update on meeting arrangements up to March 2021 together with information the impact of virtual arrangements.

6. **Good Governance Review and Partnership Arrangements with East Sussex County Council** (Pages 55 - 60)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to consider an update on the outcomes of the Good Governance Review, a programme of work on areas of Council governance including procedural and constitutional aspects of how the Council does business. The report also provides further information on the partnership arrangements with East Sussex County Council.

7. **Pension Advisory Board: Business Plan 2020/21** (Pages 61 - 78)

Report by the Director of Finance and Support Services.

The Committee is asked to consider the Pension Advisory Board draft Business Plan and budget for 2020/21.

8. **Minor Change to Scrutiny Arrangements**

The Committee is asked to recommend a minor change to the arrangements for scrutiny to the County Council. Scrutiny of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team is currently undertaken by the Environment and Communities Scrutiny Committee. However, scrutiny of all other aspects of the Adults and Health portfolio is undertaken by the Health and Adults Social Care Scrutiny Committee. In order to streamline scrutiny of the decision-making process, it is therefore recommended that scrutiny of the Drug and Alcohol Action Team should move to the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Committee.

No background papers

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9. **Report of the Member Development Group** (Pages 79 - 82)

Report by the Chairman of the Member Development Group.

To receive the regular report on the work of the Group, member development activities and member training and development priorities and plans.

10. **Governance and Standards Committees** (Pages 83 - 84)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to consider a request by the Standards Committee at its meeting on 2 November 2020 to consider merging the Governance and Standards Committees.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 2.15 p.m. on 18 January 2021.

**To all members of the Governance Committee**