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Regulation, Audit and Accounts Committee

A meeting of the Committee will be held at **10.30 am** on **Wednesday**, **22 September 2021** at **County Hall, Chichester, PO19 1RQ**.

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Agenda

1. **Declarations of Interest**

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2. Minutes of the last meeting of the Committee (Pages 5 - 10)

The Committee is asked to agree the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2021 (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. **Quarterly Review of Corporate Risk Management** (Pages 11 - 22)

Report by the Director of Finance and Support Services.

The Committee is asked to review the information detailed in the report and current Corporate Risk Register, and provide comment as necessary.

5. Internal Audit Progress Report (August 2021) (Pages 23 - 36)

Report by the Director of Finance and Support Services, and the Head of Southern Internal Audit Partnership.

The Committee is asked to note the Internal Audit Progress Report (August 2021).

6. Internal Audit Plan 2021/22 (Q2 & Q3) (Pages 37 - 50)

Report by the Director of Finance and Support Services, and the Head of Southern Internal Audit Partnership.

The Committee is asked to approve the Internal Audit Plan 2021-22 (Q2 & Q3).

7. Annual Governance Statement (Pages 51 - 84)

Report by the Director of Law and Assurance.

The Committee is asked to recommend the adoption of the draft Statement and Action Plan through the signatures of the Leader of the Council and the Chief Executive.

8. External Audit

The Committee is asked to consider the 2020/21 Audit Results Reports for the West Sussex Pension Fund and the West Sussex County Council from the External Auditor Ernst & Young (EY).

- (a) West Sussex Pension Fund 2020/21 Audit Results Report (Pages 85 - 130)
- (b) West Sussex County Council 2020/21 Audit Results Report (Pages 131 - 182)

9. Financial Statements 2020/21 (Pages 183 - 358)

Report by the Director of Finance and Support Services.

The Committee is asked to approve the Statement of Accounts for 2020/21 for West Sussex County Council and the West Sussex Pension Fund, for signing by the Chairman of the Committee.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Committee will be held at 10.30am on 8 November 2021 at County Hall, Chichester.

To all members of the Regulation, Audit and Accounts Committee

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