

Meeting: **Audit and Governance Committee**
Date: **28 September 2021**
Time: **7.00 pm**
Place: **Council Chamber - Civic Centre Folkestone**

To: **All members of the Audit and Governance Committee**

The committee will consider the matters, listed below, at the date, time and place shown above. The meeting will be open to the press and public.

Members of the committee, who wish to have information on any matter arising on the agenda, which is not fully covered in these papers, are requested to give notice, prior to the meeting, to the Chairman or appropriate officer.

This meeting will be webcast live to the council's website at <https://folkestone-hythe.public-i.tv/core/portal/webcasts>.

Although social distancing rules have been relaxed, for the safety of the public, elected members and staff, we will continue to seat members of the public approximately one metre apart. This means that there will be 13 seats available for members of the public, which will be reserved for those speaking or participating at the meeting. The remaining available seats will be given on a first come, first served basis.

All attendees at meetings are kindly asked to wear face coverings, unless they are addressing the meeting.

1. **Apologies for Absence**
2. **Declarations of Interest (Pages 3 - 4)**

Members of the committee should declare any interests which fall under the following categories:

Queries about the agenda? Need a different format?

Contact Sue Lewis – Tel: 01303 853265/3267
Email: committee@folkestone-hythe.gov.uk or download from our
website www.folkestone-hythe.gov.uk

- a) disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI);
- b) other significant interests (OSI);
- c) voluntary announcements of other interests.

3. **Minutes (Pages 5 - 10)**

To consider and approve, as a correct record, the minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2021.

4. **Quarterly Internal Audit Update Report from the Head of East Kent Partnership (Pages 11 - 30)**

This report includes the summary of the work of the East Kent Audit Partnership (EKAP) since the last Audit and Governance Committee meeting together with details of the performance of the EKAP to the 31st August 2021.

5. **Grant Thornton Audit Progress Report (Pages 31 - 56)**

Grant Thornton's report gives a progress update on recent audit work undertaken and highlights topical issues.

6. **Auditor's Annual Report 2020/21 (Pages 57 - 84)**

Grant Thornton are required to undertake a review annually to satisfy themselves that the Council has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources. Following review they prepare the Annual Report to provide commentary relating to the arrangements in place.