

Meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee

**Monday, 13th February, 2023 at 6.00pm
in Dudley Town Hall, St James's Road, Dudley**

Agenda - Public Session

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To report the appointment of any substitute members serving for this meeting of the Committee.
3. To receive any declarations of interest under the Members' Code of Conduct.
4. [External Audit Findings Report – 2021/22 \(Pages 5 – 50\)](#)
5. [Treasury Management \(Pages 51 – 72\)](#)
6. [Annual Report of the Committee on Standards in Public Life \(Pages 73 – 96\)](#)
7. To consider any questions from Members to the Chair where two clear days notice has been given to the Monitoring Officer (Council Procedure Rule 11.8).

Under the provisions of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the Monitoring Officer has decided that there will be no advance disclosure of the following report because the public interest in disclosing the information is outweighed by the public interest in maintaining the exemption from disclosure.

8. Resolution to exclude the public and press

Chair to move:

“That the public and press be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information relating to any individual(s) and to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that

information) under Part I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as amended.”

Agenda – Private Session

(Meeting not open to the public and press)

9. [Suspensions under the provisions of the Employee Improvement and Disciplinary Procedure or relevant Schools Disciplinary Procedure \(Pages 97 – 104\)](#)
10. [Annual Audit Report for the Chief Executive \(Pages 105 - 220\)](#)
11. [Audit Services Interim Performance Report \(Pages 221 – 228\)](#)



Chief Executive

Dated: 3rd February, 2023

Distribution:

Members of the Audit and Standards Committee:

Councillor A Lees (Chair)

Councillor D Borley (Vice-Chair)

Councillors S Ali, P Atkins, J Cowell, M Evans, E Lawrence, J Martin and A Taylor

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