

Meeting of the Audit and Standards Committee

**Monday, 26th September, 2022 at 7.00pm (or upon
conclusion of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Council)
in Committee Room 3, Council House,
Priory Road, Dudley**

Agenda - Public Session (Meeting open to the public and press)

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. To confirm and sign the minutes of the meeting held on 30th June, 2022 as a correct record (Pages 5-22)
5. Treasury Management (Pages 23-33)
6. Review of the Code of Corporate Governance (Pages 34-61)
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).



Chief Executive

Dated: 15th September, 2022

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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