

Performance and Audit Scrutiny Committee



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| Title | Agenda | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Date | Thursday 25 January 2024 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Time | 5.00 pm | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Venue | Conference Chamber West Suffolk House Western Way Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, IP33 3YU | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Full Members | <p style="text-align: center;">Chair Peter Armitage Vice Chair Frank Stennett</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 33%;">Conservative Group (5)</td> <td style="width: 33%;">John Augustine Mike Chester Nick Clarke</td> <td style="width: 33%;">Ian Houlder Karen Richardson</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Independents (4)</td> <td>Richard Alecock Andy Neal</td> <td>Frank Stennett Phil Wittam</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Progressive Alliance Grouping (3)</td> <td>Peter Armitage Janne Jarvis</td> <td>Sue Perry</td> </tr> </table> | | | Conservative Group (5) | John Augustine Mike Chester Nick Clarke | Ian Houlder Karen Richardson | Independents (4) | Richard Alecock Andy Neal | Frank Stennett Phil Wittam | Progressive Alliance Grouping (3) | Peter Armitage Janne Jarvis | Sue Perry |
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| By invitation | Diane Hind | Portfolio Holder for Resources | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interests – declaration and restriction on participation | Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registerable or non-registerable interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, no later than when that item is reached and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item. | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Quorum | Six Members | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| Contact information | Telephone: 01638 719729 Email: democratic.services@westsuffolk.gov.uk Website: www.westsuffolk.gov.uk |
| Access to agenda and reports before the meeting | The agenda and reports will be available to view at least five clear days before the meeting on our website. |
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| Public participation | <p>Members of the public who live or work in the district are welcome to speak and may ask one question or make a statement of not more than three minutes duration relating to items to be discussed in Part 1 of the agenda only.</p> <p>If a question is asked and answered within three minutes, the person who asked the question may ask a supplementary question that arises from the reply.</p> <p>The Constitution allows that a person who wishes to speak must register at least 15 minutes before the time the meeting is scheduled to start.</p> <p>There is an overall time limit of 15 minutes for public speaking, which may be extended at the Chair's discretion</p> |
| Accessibility | If you have any difficulties in accessing the meeting, the agenda and accompanying reports, including for reasons of a disability or a protected characteristic, please contact Democratic Services at the earliest opportunity using the contact details provided above in order that we may assist you. |

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Agenda

Procedural matters

1. Substitutes

Any member who is substituting for another member should so indicate, together with the name of the relevant absent member.

2. Apologies for absence

3. Minutes

To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2023 (copy attached.)

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4. Declarations of interest

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any disclosable pecuniary interest, other registerable or non-registerable interest which they have in any item of business on the agenda, **no later than when that item is reached** and, when appropriate, to leave the meeting prior to discussion and voting on the item.

Part 1 – public

5. Public participation

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6. Delivering a Sustainable Medium Term Budget

Report number: **PAS/WS/24/001**

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| 7. | Internal Audit Report on Bank Mandate Fraud Report number: PAS/WS/24/002 | 53 - 60 |
| 8. | CIPFA Guidance on Audit Committees Report number: PAS/WS/24/003 | 61 - 66 |
| 9. | Co-opting Non-elected Independent Members Report number: PAS/WS/24/004 | 67 - 72 |
| 10. | 2023 to 2024 Performance Report (Quarter Three) Report number: PAS/WS/24/005 | 73 - 174 |
| 11. | Treasury Management Report (December 2023) Report number: FRS/WS/24/001 was considered by the Financial Resilience Sub-Committee on 15 January 2024. | 175 - 192 |
| 12. | Annual Financial Resilience Management Statement and Investment Strategy Statements (2024 to 2025) Report number: FRS/WS/24/002 was considered by the Financial Resilience Sub-Committee on 15 January 2024. | 193 - 250 |
| 13. | Work programme update Report number: PAS/WS/24/006 | 251 - 254 |
| 14. | Exclusion of the Press and Public To consider whether the press and public should be excluded during the consideration of the following item because it is likely in view of the nature of the business to be transacted or the nature of the proceedings, that if members of the public were present during the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt categories or information as prescribed in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, and indicated against each item and, in all circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information. | |

Part 2 – exempt

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| 15. | Delivering a Sustainable Medium Term Budget - EXEMPT Appendices Fi, Fii and Fiii Exempt Appendices Fi, Fii and Fiii to report number: PAS/WS/24/001 | 255 - 294 |
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(This exempt appendices are to be considered in private under paragraph 3 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972,

as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).

16. Internal Audit Report on Bank Mandate Fraud - EXEMPT Appendix B **295 - 298**

Exempt Appendix B to report number: **PAS/WS/24/002**

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17. 2023 to 2024 Performance Report (Quarter Three) - EXEMPT Appendix F **299 - 300**

Exempt Appendix F to report number: **PAS/WS/24/005**

(This exempt appendix is to be considered in private under paragraphs 1 and 2 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as it contains information relating to an individual and information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual).

18. Treasury Management Report - December 2023 - EXEMPT Appendix 3 **301 - 306**

Exempt Appendix 3 to report number: **FRS/WS/24/001**

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