



COMMITTEE: **JOINT AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE**

VENUE: **Council Chamber, High Street, Needham Market**

DATE/TIME: **Monday 19 January 2015 at 10.00 a.m.**

Members

Babergh

Dave Busby
James Cartlidge
Frank Lawrenson
Robert Lindsay

Brian Riley
Tony Roberts
David Rose
Len Young

Mid Suffolk

Gerard Brewster
David Burn
Stuart Gemmill
Elizabeth Gibson-Harries

Patricia Godden
Kathie Guthrie
Duncan Macpherson
Jane Storey

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND VENUE OF MEETING

AGENDA

ITEM

BUSINESS

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PART I

1 **SUBSTITUTES AND APOLOGIES**

Any Member attending as an approved substitute to report giving his/her name and the name of the Member being substituted.

2 **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS**

Members to declare any interests as appropriate in respect of items to be considered at this meeting.

3 **MINUTES**

To confirm and sign the Minutes of the meeting held on [10 November 2014](#) (to follow).

4 **PETITIONS**

The Head of Corporate Organisation to report, in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 14, the receipt of any petitions submitted to the Chief Executive.

5 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

The Chairmen of Committees to answer any questions from the public of which notice has been given no later than midday two clear working days before the day of the meeting in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 15.

6 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS

The Chairman to answer any questions on matters in relation to which the Council has powers or duties or which affect the District and which fall within the terms of reference of the Committee of which due notice has been given in accordance with Council Procedure Rule No. 16.4 – (a) and (b).

7 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2015/16

Report by the Head of Corporate Resources attached.

[Paper
JAC44](#)

8 PREVENTION OF FINANCIAL CRIME POLICY

Report by the Head of Corporate Organisation attached.

[Paper
JAC45](#)

9 COMPLAINTS MONITORING

At the meeting on 10 November 2014, Members noted the position regarding Code of Conduct complaints received or determined in the previous quarter, and asked the Monitoring Officer to provide any updates at this meeting. Members are asked to note the following:-

Complaint Ref 39218 – Babergh District Council

Complaint Ref 39094 – Great Waldingfield Parish Council

Complaint Ref 38205 – Babergh District Council

Complaints Ref 39902, 39903 – Babergh District Council

Complaint Ref 39898 – Long Melford Parish Council

Complaint Ref 39899 – Bentley Parish Council

No further action required.

Complaints Ref 39406, 39891, 39889, 39890, 40108, 40195, 40196, 40294 – Stradbroke Parish Council

Of the eight complaints, one is to be the subject of further investigation and has now been referred to a second Independent Person. The other seven will not be the subject of further action but mediation is to take place between a representative of the Parish Council and the person concerned.

Any further updates will be provided at the meeting.

10 UPDATE ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE LOCALISM ACT 2011

At the meeting on 10 November 2014, Members noted the position on compliance with the Act, and the options available to the Committee regarding Aldham Parish Council following the Monitoring Officer's attendance at the Parish Council's September meeting. Members were aware that this matter was on-going, and asked the Monitoring Officer to report any further to this meeting.

An oral update will be provided.

11 WORK PLAN

Report by the Head of Corporate Organisation attached.

[Paper
JAC46](#)

Note: The date of the next meeting is Monday 16 March 2015 (at Babergh).

For further information on any of the Part 1 items listed above, please contact Val Last on (01449) 724673 or via email at committee.services@babergh.gov.uk