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## **S U M M O N S**

**MEETING:** Standards & Audit Sub Board  
**DATE:** 20 June 2024  
**TIME:** 6.00 pm  
**PLACE:** Council Chamber  
**Democratic Services contact:** Linda Coote

Peter Baulf  
BOROUGH SOLICITOR AND MONITORING OFFICER

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## **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD**

Councillor Cox  
Councillor Mrs Cully  
Councillor Hutchison

Councillor Hylands  
Councillor Raffaelli

## **FIRE PRECAUTIONS**

(To be read by the Mayor if members of the public are present)

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### **IMPORTANT NOTICE:**

- If you are in a wheelchair or have difficulty in walking and require access to the Committee Room on the First Floor of the Town Hall for this meeting, assistance can be provided by Town Hall staff on request.

If you require any of the services detailed above please ring the Direct Line for the Democratic Services Officer listed on the Summons (first page).

### **NOTE:**

- i. Councillors are requested to note that, if any Councillor who is not a Member of the Board wishes to speak at the Board meeting, then the Borough Solicitor is required to receive not less than 24 hours prior notice in writing or electronically and such notice shall indicate the agenda item or items on which the member wishes to speak.
- ii. Please note that mobile phones should be switched off or switched to silent for the duration of the meeting.
- iii. This meeting may be filmed or otherwise recorded. By attending this meeting, you are consenting to any broadcast of your image and being recorded.

**AGENDA**

1. APOLOGIES FOR NON ATTENDANCE
2. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN FOR 2024-2025
3. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN FOR 2024-2025
4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
5. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SUB BOARD HELD ON 28 MARCH 2024 (Pages 5 - 8)
6. DEPUTATIONS- STANDING ORDER 3.4

*(NOTE: The Board is required to receive a deputation(s) on a matter which is before the meeting of the Board provided that notice of the intended deputation and its object shall have been received by the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June. The total time for deputations in favour and against a proposal shall not exceed 10 minutes)*

7. PUBLIC QUESTIONS - STANDING ORDER 3.5

*(NOTE: The Board is required to allow a total of 15 minutes for questions from Members of the public on matters within the terms of reference of the Board provided that notice of such Question(s) shall have been submitted to the Borough Solicitor by 12 noon on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June)*

8. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023-2024 (Pages 9 - 64)

This report is the full 2023/24 External Audit Planning Report for the forthcoming meeting of the Standards and Audit Sub Board. The purpose of this report is to provide the Standards & Audit Sub Board of Gosport Borough Council with a basis to review our proposed audit approach and scope for the 2023/24 audit.

9. AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 65 - 78)

To update the sub board on the progress of the Audit Plan 2023/24, agreed (April 2023), to the Members with responsibility for governance.

10. ANNUAL AUDIT OPINION (Pages 79 - 104)

To table the Annual Audit Opinion for 2023/24 for noting to the Members with responsibility for governance, as set out in Appendix A.

11. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT (Pages 105 - 128)

To seek approval from Members in regards to the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) 2023/24

12. ANY OTHER ITEMS