

AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE MEETING

Date: Thursday 11 April 2024
Time: 6.30 p.m.
Venue: Town Hall, High Street, Maidstone

Membership:

Councillors Bartlett (Vice-Chairman), Coulling (Parish Representative), Cox (Chairman), Forecast, Harper, Jones, Kimmance, Knatchbull, Titchener (Parish Representative), Trzebinski and Wilby

The Chairman will assume that all Members will read the reports before attending the meeting. Officers are asked to assume the same when introducing reports.

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Alison Broom, Chief Executive

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To move that the public be excluded for the items set out in Part II of the Agenda because of the likely disclosure of exempt information for the reasons specified having applied the Public Interest Test.

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