

**A MEETING OF THE STANDARDS AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
WAS HELD ON 7 JULY 2016
*Subject to approval***

Councillors; Allen (P), Ms Ballard (P), Beavis (P), Carter (P), Chegwyn (P), Mrs Cully, Mrs Forder (P), Mrs Furlong (P), Mrs Jones (P), Mrs Morgan (P), Mrs Prickett (P), Scard (P)

It was reported that in accordance with Standing Order 2.3.6, Councillor Wright been nominated to replace Councillor Mrs Cully for this meeting.

7. APOLOGIES

An apology for inability to attend the meeting was submitted on behalf of Councillor Mrs Cully

8. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

9. MINUTES

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meetings of the Standards and Governance Committee held on 24 March 2016 and 19 May 2016 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record.

10. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations

11. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

There were no public questions.

PART II

12. ERNST AND YOUNG 2016-2017 FEE LETTER AND 2015 – 2016 AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Consideration was given to the report of the Council's external auditors Ernst and Young, which provided the Committee with an update on the progress made on the 2015/16 audit and highlighted key upcoming changes which the Council needed to consider.

Ernst and Young advised Members that the Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd (PSAA) had set the scale fee level and added that their audit visit was scheduled to commence on 4th July 2016.

Ernst and Young further advised Members that from 2018/19 onwards Gosport would be responsible for appointing their own auditors.

RESOLVED: That the Standards and Governance Committee note the annual audit and certification fee letter for 2016/2017 and the audit progress report 2015/16

13. INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2015/16

Consideration was given to the report of the Head of Internal Audit and Risk Assurance which presented an Annual report to the Committee

Following a question from a Member the Borough Treasurer clarified that the fraud identified in 2.9 of the report had been deliberate.

A Member asked for clarification in relation to the internal control recommendations and the profile against 2 recommendations from last year. The Borough Treasurer advised that these were relating to sport pitches and changed procedures to VAT.

RESOLVED: That the Standards and Governance Committee note the contents of the report.

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business

The meeting concluded at 18:16.

CHAIRMAN