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Governance and Ethics Committee

Monday, 24th August, 2020 at 4.00 pm

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To: Councillors Jeff Beck (Chairman), Jeremy Cottam (Vice-Chairman), Barry Dickens, Rick Jones, Jane Langford, Tony Linden, Thomas Marino, David Marsh, Geoff Mayes, Andy Moore, Claire Rowles and Joanne Stewart

Substitutes: Councillors Adrian Abbs, James Cole, Carlyne Culver, Owen Jeffery, Steve Masters and Garth Simpson

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1	Apologies To receive apologies for inability to attend the meeting (if any).	
2	Minutes To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of this Committee held on 15 June 2020.	1 - 4
3	Declarations of Interest To remind Members of the need to record the existence and nature of any personal, disclosable pecuniary or other registrable interests in items on the agenda, in accordance with the Members' Code of Conduct .	
4	Forward Plan <i>Purpose: To consider the Forward Plan for the next 12 months.</i>	5 - 8

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5	Internal Audit Annual Assurance Report 2019/20 (GE3821) <i>Purpose: The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require the Audit Manager to make a formal annual report to those charged with governance within the Council.</i>	9 - 22
6	Annual Governance Statement (GE3823) <i>Purpose: To set out the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for the Council for 2019-20 and to outline issues that Corporate Board considered should be included in the 2019-20 AGS as requiring action to resolve.</i>	23 - 42



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- 7 **Draft Going Concern Assessment as at 31st March 2020** 43 - 66
and Supporting Draft Executive Directors' Narrative
Statement for the 2019/20 Financial Statements (GE3822)
Purpose: This report summarises the management assessment of the Council continuing to operate as a going concern for the purposes of producing the Statement of Accounts for 2019/20.

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