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Governance and Ethics Committee

Monday, 1st February, 2021 at 5.00 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 and Claire Rowles

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

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Part I		Page No.
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 16 November 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	The Audit Findings for West Berkshire Council - Financial Year Ended 31 March 2020 (GE3934) To receive the report from the external auditors.	To Follow
6	Financial Statements approval - 2019-20 (GE3892) This report is to inform Members of the final external audit opinion for financial year 2019/20.	9 - 120
7	To consider the Independent review by Sir Tony Redmond into the effectiveness of external audit and transparency of financial reporting in local authorities (GE3897)	121 - 132



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To set out the key findings from the Independent Review into the Oversight of Local Audit and the Transparency of Local Authority Financial Reporting, or 'Redmond Review', undertaken by Sir Tony Redmond and to consider any impacts for the Governance and Ethics Committee.

- 8 **Exclusion of the Press and Public**
RECOMMENDATION: That members of the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items as it is likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description contained in the paragraphs of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 specified in brackets in the heading of each item.

Part II

- 9 **Strategic Risk Register Update Q2 2020/21 (GE3907)**

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To highlight the corporate risks that need to be considered by Corporate Board and Operations Board and to outline the actions that are being taken to mitigate those risks. Full details regarding the Corporate Risks are provided in Appendix C together with the method used to score risks for the Council which is included in Appendix F.

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