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**Members:** Lee Baker (Chair), Derek Perry (Vice-Chair), Simon Coles, Hugh Davies, Caroline Ellis, Martin Hill, Janet Lloyd, Steven Pugsley, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Andrew Sully and Terry Venner

**Agenda**

**1. Apologies**

To receive any apologies for absence.

**2. Minutes of the previous meeting of the Audit,  
Governance and Standards Committee**

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

To receive and note any declarations of disclosable pecuniary or prejudicial or personal interests in respect of any matters included on the agenda for consideration at this meeting.

(The personal interests of Councillors and Clerks of Somerset County Council, Town or Parish Councils and other Local Authorities will automatically be recorded in the minutes.)

**4. Public Participation**

The Chair to advise the Committee of any items on which members of the public have requested to speak and advise those members of the public present of the details of the Council's public participation scheme.

For those members of the public who have submitted any questions or statements, please note, a three minute time limit applies to each speaker and you will be asked to speak before Councillors debate the issue.

(Pages 5 - 12)

### **Temporary measures during the Coronavirus Pandemic**

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| <b>5. Audit, Governance and Standards Committee Forward Plan</b> | (Pages 13 - 14)  |
| To receive items and review the Forward Plan.                    |                  |
| <b>6. Annual Governance Statement 2019/20</b>                    | (Pages 15 - 44)  |
| <b>7. External Audit Findings Report</b>                         | (Pages 45 - 82)  |
| <b>8. Assessment of Going Concern Status</b>                     | (Pages 83 - 90)  |
| <b>9. Approval of Statement of Accounts 2019/20</b>              | (Pages 91 - 234) |



**JAMES HASSETT**  
**CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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The Governance and Democracy Case Manager will take the details of your question or speech and will distribute them to the Committee prior to the meeting. The Chair will then invite you to speak at the beginning of the meeting under the agenda item Public Question Time, but speaking is limited to three minutes per person in an overall period of 15 minutes and you can only speak to the Committee once. If there are a group of people attending to speak about a particular item then a representative should be chosen to speak on behalf of the group.

Please see below for Temporary Measures during Coronavirus Pandemic and the changes we are making to public participation:-

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