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**MEETING** : JOINT MEETING OF SCRUTINY COMMITTEES  
**VENUE** : ONLINE MEETING - LIVESTREAMED  
**DATE** : WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2021  
**TIME** : 7.00 PM

**MEMBERSHIP OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:**

Councillor M Pope (Chairman)  
Councillors A Alder, L Corpe, R Fernando, A Huggins, T Stowe (Vice-Chairman) and A Ward-Booth

**Substitutes:**

Conservatives: Councillors J Burmicz and A Curtis

**MEMBERSHIP OF OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE:**

Councillor J Wyllie (Chairman)  
Councillors S Bell, M Brady, R Buckmaster, A Curtis, I Devonshire, H Drake, J Frecknall, M Goldspink (Vice-Chairman), D Hollebon, J Kaye, D Snowdon, M Stevenson and N Symonds

**Substitutes:**

Conservatives: Councillors D Andrew, I Kemp and A Ward-Booth  
Green: Councillor B Crystall  
Labour: Councillor C Redfern

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## **DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Authority, or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Authority, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting:
  - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
  - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
  - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
  - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
  - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
3. The Authority may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI.

4. It is a criminal offence to:

- fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
- fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
- participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
- knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

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## AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chairman

2. Apologies

*To receive apologies for absence.*

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

*To receive any Members' Declarations of Interest.*

5. Budget 2021/22 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2021-24

*To follow.*

6. Urgent Business

*To consider such other business as, in the opinion of the Chairman of the meeting, is of sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.*