Date of

Monday, 7th February, 2022

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Time 7.00 pm

Venue

Garden & Astley Rooms - Castle

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Castle House Barracks Road Newcastle-under-Lyme Staffordshire **ST5 1BL**

Audit and Standards Committee

AGENDA

PART 1 - OPEN AGENDA

- 1 **APOLOGIES**
- **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** 2

To receive Declarations of Interest from Members on items included in the agenda

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To consider the Decision Record of the previous meeting held on 8 November 2021.

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This item includes a supplementary report.

5 **INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE QUARTER 3** (Pages 29 - 34)

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9 **URGENT BUSINESS**

> To consider any business which is urgent within the meaning of Section 100B(4) of the Local Government Act 1972

Members:

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Councillors Paul Waring (Chair), Barry Panter (Vice-Chair), Mark Holland,

Sylvia Dymond, Sarah Pickup, Mike Stubbs and Bert Proctor

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Substitute Members: Graham Hutton Kyle Robinson

Andrew Parker Gillian Williams
Gillian Burnett Kenneth Owen

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- Notify the Chairman of the Committee (at least 24 hours before the meeting is due to take place) NB Only 2 Substitutes per political group are allowed for each meeting and your Chairman will advise you on whether that number has been reached

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