Date of

Monday, 22nd April, 2024

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7.00 pm Time

Venue

**Astley Room - Castle** 

Contact Geoff Durham



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

## **Audit and Standards Committee**

## AGENDA

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

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

3 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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To consider the minutes of the previous meeting(s).

4 **INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 2024**  (Pages 7 - 30)

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6 **COUNTER FRAUD ARRANGEMENTS 2024-25** 

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7 CORPORATE RISK POLICY STATEMENT AND STRATEGY (Pages 81 - 124)

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9 **WORK PROGRAMME** 

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10 **URGENT BUSINESS** 

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

Members:

Councillors P Waring (Chair), Burnett-Faulkner (Vice-Chair), Holland,

Whieldon, Stubbs, Brockie and Lewis

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Substitute Members: Panter Lawley

Parker Northcott Gorton Reece

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