

SWT Special Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

**Monday, 11th November, 2019,
6.15 pm**

**Somerset West
and Taunton**

Committee Room 1 - The Deane House

Members: Sue Buller (Chair), Lee Baker (Vice-Chair), Simon Coles, Dixie Darch, Hugh Davies, Caroline Ellis, Janet Lloyd, Steven Pugsley, Vivienne Stock-Williams, Terry Venner, Sarah Wakefield, Mrs Anne Elder and Bryn Wilson

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

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Speak before Councillors debate the issue.

5. Grant Thornton External Audit - Audit Findings Report

(Pages 11 - 44)

This covering report introduces the annual report of our external auditor Grant Thornton outlining their findings from the audit of the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts for Taunton Deane Borough Council (TDBC), and of the arrangements in place to secure Value for Money.

6. Approval of Taunton Deane Borough Council Statement of Accounts

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The Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 is required to be approved by the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee and signed by the S151 Officer and the Chair of the Audit Governance and Standards Committee.



**JAMES HASSETT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE**

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