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Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** will be held in the HMS Brave Room at these Offices on Thursday 26 March 2015 at 6.00 pm when the following business will be transacted.

Members of the public who require further information are asked to contact Jemma Duffield on (01304) 872305 or by e-mail at jemma.duffield@dover.gov.uk.

Yours sincerely

Chief Executive

Governance Committee Membership:

Councillor T J Bartlett (Chairman)
Councillor K E Morris (Vice-Chairman)
Councillor M R Eddy
Councillor S J Jones
Councillor A S Pollitt
Councillor M A Russell

AGENDA

1 **APOLOGIES**

To receive any apologies for absence.

2 **APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTE MEMBERS**

To note appointments of Substitute Members.

3 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** (Page 4)

To receive any declarations of interest from Members in respect of business to be

transacted on the agenda.

4 **MINUTES** (Pages 5 - 8)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 4 December 2014.

5 **EK SERVICES - UPDATE FROM THE DIRECTOR**

To receive a verbal update from the Director of EK Services.

6 **QUARTERLY INTERNAL UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 9 - 28)

To note the attached report of the Head of Audit Partnership.

7 **AUDIT CHARTER PLAN 2015/16** (Pages 29 - 48)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Audit Partnership.

8 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER THREE REPORT** (Pages 49 - 61)

To receive the attached report of the Director of Finance, Housing and Community.

9 **TRANSPARENCY AGENDA** (Pages 62 - 71)

To note the attached report of the Director of Environment and Corporate Assets.

10 **CERTIFICATION REPORT 2013/14** (Pages 72 - 80)

To consider the attached report of Grant Thornton.

11 **CERTIFICATION WORK PLAN 2014/15** (Pages 81 - 86)

To consider the attached report of Grant Thornton.

12 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE** (Pages 87 - 100)

To consider the attached report from Grant Thornton.

13 **OPTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

To consider the report of the Director of Governance (to follow).

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