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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 3 December 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:

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D Hannent (Vice-Chairman)
M J Holloway
S J Jones
A S Pollitt
G Rapley

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 - 10)

To confirm the attached Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 22 September 2015.

5 **QUARTERLY INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 11 - 32)

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

6 **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE UPDATE** (Pages 33 - 50)

To consider the attached report from Grant Thornton.

7 **ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER** (Pages 51 - 56)

To consider the attached report of Grant Thornton.

8 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER TWO REPORT 2015/16** (Pages 57 - 71)

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

9 **APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS - LOCAL AUDIT AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 AND THE LOCAL AUDIT (APPOINTING PERSON) REGULATIONS 2015** (Pages 72 - 79)

To consider the attached report of the Director of Governance.

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