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Dear Councillor

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT a meeting of the **GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE** will be held in the Council Chamber at these Offices on Thursday 16 March 2023 at 6.00 pm when the following business will be transacted.

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Yours sincerely

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Chief Executive

Governance Committee Membership:

D Hannent (Chairman)  
S S Chandler (Vice-Chairman)  
S H Beer  
D A Hawkes  
S J Jones  
P D Jull  
P Walker

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 **QUARTERLY INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE REPORT** (Pages 5 - 29)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Audit Partnership (East Kent Audit Partnership).

5 **INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER AND DRAFT INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023-24**  
(Pages 30 - 57)

To consider the attached report of the Head of Audit Partnership (East Kent Audit Partnership).

6 **TREASURY MANAGEMENT QUARTER THREE REPORT 2022/23**

To consider the report of the Head of Finance and Investment (to follow).

7 **AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT AND SECTOR UPDATE** (Pages 58 - 74)

To consider the attached report of the external auditors, Grant Thornton.

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