



Essex County Council

Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

10:30	Monday, 27 June 2022	Council Chamber County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH
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| 10 | Dates of future meetings | |
| | To note that meetings of the Committee will take place at County Hall, Chelmsford on the following dates: | |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 25 July 2022 (10am)
(additional meeting to receive the draft accounts for 2021/22 • Monday 19 September 2022 (10am)
Please note the earlier start time of 10am in each case | |
| 11 | Urgent Business | |
| | To consider any matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered in public by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency. | |

Exempt Items

(During consideration of these items the meeting is not likely to be open to the press and public)

The following items of business have not been published on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. Members are asked to consider whether or not the

press and public should be excluded during the consideration of these items. If so it will be necessary for the meeting to pass a formal resolution:

That the press and public are excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the remaining items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information falling within Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, the specific paragraph(s) of Schedule 12A engaged being set out in the report or appendix relating to that item of business.

12 Urgent Exempt Business

To consider in private any other matter which in the opinion of the Chairman should be considered by reason of special circumstances (to be specified) as a matter of urgency.