



Essex County Council

# Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

<b>10:30</b>	<b>Monday, 13 December 2021</b>	<b>Council Chamber County Hall, Chelmsford, CM1 1QH</b>
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3	<b>Limited Assurance Audit Update – IT Assets</b> To receive an update relating to the Limited Assurance Audit - IT Assets from Melanie Hogger, Director, Technology Services and Councillor Christopher Whitbread, Cabinet Member for Finance, Resources and Corporate Affairs, Essex County Council	

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| 4 | <p><b>Limited Assurance Update - Country Parks Stock Control</b></p> <p>To receive an update relating to the Limited Assurance - Country Parks Stock Control from Sam Kennedy, Director, Environment and Climate Action and Mark Rowley, Commercial Operations Manager, Essex County Council</p>                                |         |
| 5 | <p><b>Internal Audit and Counter Fraud progress report</b></p> <p>To receive a report (AGS/22/21 and appendix) from Paula Clowes, Head of Assurance, Essex County Council</p>   | 13 - 32 |
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| 7 | <p><b>National scheme for local auditor appointments</b></p> <p>To receive a report (AGS/24/21) from Christine Golding, Chief Accountant, Essex County Council</p>  | 39 - 52 |
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| 9 | <p><b>Date of the next meeting</b></p> <p>To note that the next scheduled meeting will be held on Monday 17 January 2022 at 10.30am at County Hall, Chelmsford and will be preceded by a private meeting for AGS members only</p>   |         |

### **Exempt Items**

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

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