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Dear Councillor

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE - THURSDAY 24 MARCH, 2022

Please find attached the following:

Supplementary Information Sheet (Pages 1 - 2)

Yours sincerely

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

AGENDA ITEM 6: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MONITORING OFFICER REGARDING MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS

By way of comparison and to put the statistical information on the number of complaints received into context, the table below shows the number of misconduct allegations received by the Monitoring Officer over the past three years:

Year	Total received	Borough Councillors	Parish Councillors
2019	8	8	0
2020	17	9	8
2021	14	14	0

AGENDA ITEM 7: FINANCIAL MONITORING REPORT

Corrections:

(a) Paragraph 14.2 (page 73) should read:

“Officers are currently projecting a decrease in expenditure of ~~£1,488,967~~ £228,663 on the general fund revenue account. However, with the introduction of the Government’s Plan B this is likely to worsen during the coming months particularly around expectations for the collection of income”.

(b) Appendix 2 (page 85) Guildhall, the comment should read:

~~“Guildford house gallery~~ Guildhall affected by unforeseen asset management costs. the income for the site has been affected by the closure due to the pandemic and works”.

AGENDA ITEM 8: CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME

Update on audit of accounts for 2020-21

The audit of the 2020-21 accounts is still ongoing, this is due to a variety of factors such as the accounts being produced later than normal due to Covid-19 impact, additional assurance work required in the audit process, auditor resource capacity and constraints, complications with auditing remotely and additional audit work required following implementing our new finance system.

Many councils across the country are facing audit delays with only 1 in 10 audits having been completed by the deadline for the 2020-21 accounts. Audit completion rates across the country are significantly lower than in previous years. The auditors will be continuing to work on the audit during April; however, if the audit is not completed during April, then it will be delayed until at least July. This is due to auditors not having resource in May and June to do local government audits and the fact that the Council’s finance team need to focus their efforts from supporting the 2020-21 audit to completing the close down of our accounts for 2021-22 (which we are currently on schedule to complete by the statutory deadline).

As such the 2020-21 audited accounts, external audit report, on the external audit plan for 2021-22 items on the work programme are delayed until further notice.

The Council’s draft accounts for 2020-21 which are currently being audited can be found on our website [Annual accounts - Guildford Borough Council](#).

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