

## **Audit Committee**

**31 July 2025**

### **Exclusion of the Press and Public**

Report from: Bhupinder Gill, Assistant Director, Legal and Governance

#### **Summary**

This report summarises the content of an appendix which, in the opinion of the proper officer, contains exempt information within one or more of the categories in Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. It is a matter for the Committee to determine whether the press and public should be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the report.

#### **1. Recommendation**

- 1.1 The Committee is required to decide whether to exclude the press and public during consideration of the following report because consideration of this matter in public would disclose information falling within one or more of the descriptions of exempt information contained in Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972, as specified below, and, in all the circumstances of the case, the public interest in maintaining the exemption, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

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| <b>Report Title</b>   | Local Public Audit Reforms Update  |
| <b>Agenda Item</b>  | 12   |
| <b>Summary</b>  | The exempt appendices set out the Council's and external auditors, Grant Thornton's discussions to ensure the build back of assurance over Medway's Financial Statements as soon as practicably possible.  |
| <b>Category of exempt information (Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972)</b> | Not for publication under paragraph 3 of part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 – information relating to any individual, information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual and information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person. |

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Appendices:

None

Background Papers:

None