



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: 28 March 2012

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

Contact: Guy Moody

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Members: Councillors L Chester (Chair), J Gardner (Vice Chair),
P Bibby CC, D Cullen, S Walker and M Yarnold-Forrester

Independent: B Mitchell

AGENDA

PART I

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2 MINUTES – SPECIAL AUDIT COMMITTEE – 13 FEBRUARY 2012

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 February 2012.

Minutes attached

3 CERTIFICATION WORK REPORT 2010/2011.

The Committee is asked to note the Certification Work report from the Council's External Auditors Grant Thornton.

Report attached.

4. AUDIT PLAN 2011/2012

The Committee is asked to note the Audit Plan 2011/12 report from the Council's External Auditors Grant Thornton.

Report attached.

5 INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee is asked to note the Internal Audit Progress report and approve the amendments to the Audit Plan as at 16 March 2012.

Report attached.

6 INTERNAL AUDIT – STEVENAGE HOMES TRANSFERRED SERVICES – STATUS

To advise the Committee of the Internal Audit activity up to November 2011 in connection with the services provided by Stevenage Homes Limited.

7 SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) – TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Committee is asked to accept the SIAS Terms of Reference.

Report attached.

8 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2012/2013

The Committee is asked to accept the SIAS Audit Strategy for 2012/13 and to approve the proposed SBC Internal Audit Plan for 2012/13.

Report attached

9 CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

To advise the Committee of the Council's self assessment process and to update Members of progress made against actions identified for 2011/12 and to advise of actions planned for 2012/13.

Report and appendix attached.

10 URGENT PART I BUSINESS

To consider any Part I business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

11 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

To consider the following motions:

1. That under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as described in paragraphs 1-7 of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Act, as amended by SI 2006 No.88.
2. That Members consider the reasons for the following reports being in Part II and determine whether or not maintaining the exemption from disclosure of the information contained therein outweighs the public interest in disclosure.

PART II

12 STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER QUARTER 3 2011/2012

To note the latest Strategic Risk Register for Stevenage Borough Council and developments in the risk management arrangements.

Report and appendices attached.

13 URGENT PART II BUSINESS

To consider any Part II business accepted by the Chair as urgent