

SUMMARY OF DECISIONS TAKEN PART I

MEETING: **Audit Committee – Tuesday 11 November 2014 – 18.00 hrs. - Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Stevenage, SG1 1HN**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors: L Chester (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), P Bibby, D Cullen and M McKay.

ALSO PRESENT: B Mitchell (Independent Member), H Maneuf (Shared Internal Audit Service) and T Blackman (Grant Thornton)

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors J Hollywell and A McGuinness. There were no declarations of interest.	G Moody Ext 2203
2. MINUTES – AUDIT COMMITTEE – 3 SEPTEMBER 2014	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 3 September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203
3. MINUTES – AUDIT COMMITTEE – 24 SEPTEMBER 2014	
It was RESOLVED that the Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 24 September 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair.	G Moody Ext 2203
4. ANNUAL AUDIT LETTER	
The Committee was advised that the Housing Benefit Subsidy Return had recently been completed by the	

<p>External Auditors. The Council could expect an 'unqualified' marking in respect of this report.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.</p>	<p>Grant Thornton</p>
<p>5. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT</p>	
<p>The Committee was advised that since the publication of the agenda the Council Tax audit had been completed and a marking of 'full assurance' given.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED that the report be noted.</p>	<p>H Maneuf (SIAS)</p>
<p>6. URGENT PART I BUSINESS</p>	
<p>None.</p>	
<p>7. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</p>	
<p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 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 involved 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 2008 No.88. 2. That having considered the reasons for the following report being in Part II it was determined that maintaining the exemption from disclose of the information contained therein outweighed the public interest in disclosure. 	

PART II	
8. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER QUARTER 2 2014/2015	
<p>Members asked a number of detailed questions about the report which were answered by the Officer.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Strategic Risk Register Quarter 2 2014/15 (Appendices A1 – A5) be noted 2. That developments on risk management issues (as outlined in paragraph 4.2 of the report) be noted. 	<p>E Wright Ext 2192</p>
9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS	
None.	