



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Monday 23 March 2015

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, D Cullen, J Hollywell, A McGuinness and M McKay.

Independent: B Mitchell

AGENDA

PART I

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
- 2. MINUTES – AUDIT COMMITTEE – 2 FEBRUARY 2014**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 2 February 2015.

Minutes attached

- 3. CERTIFICATION LETTER.**

The Committee is requested to note the Certification Letter from the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton.

Letter attached.

- 4. AUDIT PROGRESS UPDATE**

The Committee is requested to note the progress against the 2014/2015 Accounts Audit Plan from the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton.

Report attached.

5. DRAFT AUDIT PLAN

The Committee is requested to note the draft plan for the forthcoming accounts audit by the Council's external auditors Grant Thornton.

Report attached.

6. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Members are requested to note the Internal Audit Progress Report as at 23 March 2015.

Report Attached.

7. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2015 – 2016

The Committee is requested to approve the proposed Stevenage Borough Council Internal Audit Plan 2015/2016.

Report Attached

8. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee is requested to note the Council's self-assessment against the six key principals of corporate governance and to note the progress made against actions identified for delivery in 2014/2015 and actions planned for 2015/2016.

Report and Appendix Attached

9. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

10. 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 item of business on the grounds that it involves 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 report 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

11. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER QUARTER 3 2014/2015

The Committee is requested to note the latest Strategic Risk Register for Stevenage Borough Council and developments in risk management arrangements.

Report and appendices attached. (Committee Members only)

12. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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

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