



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday 29 March 2016

Time: 6.00 p.m.

Place: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

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Members: Councillor M McKay (Chair), R Broom, L Chester, D Cullen, J Gardner, G Lawrence, J Lloyd CC and A McGuinness

Independent: B Mitchell

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES – AUDIT COMMITTEE – MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2016

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1 February 2016.

Minutes attached

3. 2014/2015 CERTIFICATION LETTER

The Committee is requested to note the 2014/2015 certification letter from the Council's previous External Auditors Grant Thornton.

Certification Letter attached.

4. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

The Committee is requested to note the Audit Plan report from the Council's External Auditors Ernst and Young.

Report attached.

5. INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

The Committee is requested to receive an update of progress against the Internal Audit Plan for the period to 11 March 2016.

Report attached.

6. 2016/2017 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN

The Committee is requested to approve the proposed Stevenage Borough Council Internal Audit Plan for 2016/2017.

Report attached.

7. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE REPORT

The Committee is requested to note the progress of the Shared Anti-Fraud Service; its progress against the Business Plan for 2015/2016; agree the Anti-Fraud Action Plan for 2016/2017; note the content of the TEICCAF Fraud Briefing and comment on a proposed Fraud Prosecution Policy.

Report and appendices attached.

8. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE CODE AND ARRANGEMENTS

The Committee is requested to receive a report advising Members of the key governance enhancements delivered in 2015/16, the scheduled future enhancement activity and the significant enhancement activity planned for 2016/2017.

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 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

11. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER – QUARTER 3

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

Report and Appendices attached.

12. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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