



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 26 March 2018
Time: 6.00 pm
Location: Shimkent Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete
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Members: Councillors: M McKay (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), R Broom, H Burrell, L Chester, D Cullen, G Lawrence, G Snell and B Mitchell

AGENDA

PART 1

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive from Members, any apologies for absence or declarations of interest in relation to any items of business on the agenda for this meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING OF 5 FEBRUARY 2018

To approve as a correct record for signing by the Chair, the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, held on 5 February 2018.

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3. SAFS PROGRESS AGAINST SBC'S ANTI-FRAUD ACTION PLAN 2017/2018

To provide Members with information on:

Progress on the SBC *Anti-Fraud Action Plan* for 2017/2018

A proposed SBC *Anti-Fraud Plan* 2018/2019

Transparency Code Data

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4. PROPOSED ANTI-FRAUD ACTION PLAN FOR 2018/2019

5. ASSESSMENT OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS AND GOVERNANCE CODE ANNUAL REVIEW

To advise Members of the Audit Committee of activity planned for 2018/2019 to enhance governance arrangements, as a result of the Council's self-assessment of corporate governance arrangements against the requirements that form the core principles of corporate governance in the CIPFA and SOLACE Framework, "Delivering Good Governance in Local Government."

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6. 2018/19 INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN REPORT

To provide Members with the proposed Stevenage Borough Council 2018/19 Internal Audit Plan.

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7. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT

To provide Members with:

- a) The progress made by the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) in delivering the Council's 2017/18 Internal Audit Plan as at 9 March 2018.
- b) The findings for the period 21 January to 9 March 2018.
- c) The proposed amendments required to the approved Annual Internal Audit Plan.
- d) The implementation status of previously agreed high priority audit recommendations.
- e) An update on performance management information as at 9 March 2018.

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8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

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 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act as amended by Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006.

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.

10. PART II MINUTES OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF 5 FEBRUARY 2018

11. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

To note the latest Strategic Risk Register (SRR) for Stevenage Borough Council.

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