



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 17 November 2020

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

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Members: Councillors: T Callaghan (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), S Barr,
S Booth, L Chester, D Cullen, L Kelly and G Lawrence.
Independent Member: Mr G Gibbs.

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 10 September 2020.

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3. THE REDMOND REVIEW: INDEPENDENT REVIEW ON THE QUALITY OF LOCAL AUTHORITY REPORTING AND EXTERNAL AUDIT

To consider a report in respect of the Redmond Review on the quality of local authority reporting and external audit.

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4. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21 - PROGRESS REPORT

To consider the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) Internal Audit Plan 2020/21 progress report.

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5. SECTION 106 (S106) ALLOCATION UPDATE

To provide Members with an update to how the Section 106 allocations process has historically worked and how it could more effectively work.

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6. PROGRESS OF CORPORATE AND SERVICE GOVERNANCE ACTIONS

To consider a report detailing the progress of Corporate and Service Governance Actions.

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7. MID YEAR REVIEW OF 2020/21 TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

To consider a Mid Year review of the 2020/21 Treasury Management Strategy.

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8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

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

9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100A 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 - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 10 SEPTEMBER 2020

To approve as correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 10 September 2020.

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11. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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

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12. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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