



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 24 March 2021

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.
Mr G Gibbs (Independent Co-opted Non-voting Member)

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 9 FEBRUARY 2021

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 9 February 2021.

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3. PROPOSED SAFS ANTI-FRAUD PLAN 2021/22 AND PROGRESS WITH 2020/21 ANTI-FRAUD PLAN

To consider the proposed Shared Anti-Fraud Services (SAFS) Anti-Fraud Plan 2021/22 and progress with the 2020/21 Anti-Fraud Plan.

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4. SIAS INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21 - PROGRESS REPORT

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

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5. PROPOSED SIAS INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2021/22

To consider the proposed Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22.

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6. SECTION 106 AGREEMENTS

To consider a report back on Section 106 Agreements, as agreed by the Committee at its meeting held on 17 November 2020.
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7. JOINT ICT INVESTMENT STRATEGY - PROGRESS

To consider a presentation (attached) regarding progress on the Joint ICT Strategy, as agreed by the Committee at its meeting held on 10 September 2020.
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8. REVIEW OF CORPORATE AND SERVICE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

To consider a report providing a review of Corporate and Service Governance arrangements.
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9. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

10. 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.

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.