



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date: Tuesday, 8 June 2021**

**Time: 6.00pm**

**Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage**

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Members: Councillors: T Callaghan (Chair), M Arceno, J Ashley-Wren, S Booth, J Gardner, G Lawrence, N Leech, M McKay, C Parris and L Rossati.  
Mr G Gibbs (Independent Non-voting Co-opted Member)

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## **AGENDA**

### **PART I**

#### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

#### **2. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

#### **3. MINUTES - 24 MARCH 2021**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 March 2021.

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#### **4. TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To note the Terms of Reference for the Committee, as agreed by the Annual Council meeting on 26 May 2021.

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#### **5. 2019/20 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF SBC ACCOUNTS - PROGRESS**

To receive a verbal update from Ernst & Young regarding progress on completion of the 2019/20 external audit of SBC Accounts.

#### **6. ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

To consider the Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2020/21 prepared by SIAS.

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**7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21 AND LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

To consider the Annual Governance Statement 2020/21 and Local Code of Corporate Governance.

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**8. URGENT PART I 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 - 24 MARCH 2021**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 24 March 2021.

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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.