



## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 10 November 2021

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

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

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### AGENDA

#### PART I

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

**2. MINUTES - 8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 8 September 2021.

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**3. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL AUDITORS - OPTING IN TO THE PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS (PSAA) PROCESS**

To consider a report recommending to Council that SBC opts into the appointing persons arrangements made by Public Sector Audit Appointments (PSAA) for the appointment of External Auditors covering the period April 2023 to March 2028.

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**4. ADOPTION OF AN ANTI-FRAUD & CORRUPTION STRATEGY; ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING POLICY; AND FRAUD SANCTIONS POLICY**

To consider the adoption of an Anti-Fraud & Corruption Strategy; an Anti-Money Laundering Policy; and a Fraud Sanctions Policy.

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**5. INDEPENDENT MEMBER OF AUDIT COMMITTEE**

To consider a report in respect of the Independent Co-opted Non-voting Members of the Audit Committee.

[REPORT TO FOLLOW]

## **6. PROGRESS OF CORPORATE AND SERVICE GOVERNANCE ACTIONS**

To consider the progress of Corporate and Service Governance actions identified in the Council's Annual Governance Statement reported to the Audit Committee on 8 June 2021.

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## **7. MID YEAR REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2021/22**

To consider a Mid Year review of the 2021/22 Treasury Management Strategy.

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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 - 8 SEPTEMBER 2021**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 8 September 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.