



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date: Tuesday, 7 June 2022**

**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, S Booth, A Farquharson, J Hollywell, G Lawrence CC, M McKay, L Rossati and T Wren.  
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. ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR**

To elect a Vice-Chair of the Audit Committee for the 2022/23 Municipal Year.

**3. MINUTES - 28 MARCH 2022**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 28 March 2022.

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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 25 May 2022.

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**5. 2019/20 AND 2020/21 EXTERNAL AUDIT OF SBC ACCOUNTS - UPDATE**

To receive a verbal update from Ernst & Young regarding progress on completion of the 2019/20 external audit of SBC accounts; and on the programme of work for the 2020/21 accounts.

**6. ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22**

To consider the Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2021/22 prepared by SIAS.

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**7. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2021/22 AND LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

To consider the Annual Governance Statement 2021/22 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 - 28 MARCH 2022**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 28 March 2022.

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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.