



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date: Wednesday, 7 September 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. MINUTES - 7 JUNE 2022**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 7 June 2022.

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**3. 2019/20 EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE**

To consider a verbal update from Ernst & Young on the 2019/20 External audit.

**4. 2021/22 ANNUAL FRAUD REPORT AND PROGRESS WITH DELIVERY OF THE 2022/23 ANTI-FRAUD PLAN**

To consider the Shared Anti-Fraud Service (SAFS) Annual Report 2021/22; and progress with delivery of the 2022/23 Anti-Fraud Plan.

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**5. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2022/23 - PROGRESS REPORT**

To consider progress in respect of the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) Internal Audit Plan 2022/23.

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**6. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW OF 2021/22 INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL CODE**

To consider the Annual Treasury Management review of 2021/22, including Prudential Code.

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**7. URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

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

**8. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To consider the following motions –

1. That under Section 100(A) 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.

**9. PART II MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 7 JUNE 2022**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 7 June 2022.

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**10. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER**

To consider the latest Strategic Risk Register.

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**11. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

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