

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 9 November 2022 Time: 6.00pm Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage Contact: Ian Gourlay (01438) 242703 committees@stevenage.gov.uk

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).

AGENDA

<u>PART I</u>

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 7 September 2022. Pages 3 - 8

3. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) - PROGRESS WITH DELIVERY OF THE 2022/23 ANTI-FRAUD PLAN

To consider progress with the delivery of the SAFS 2022/23 Anti-Fraud Plan. Pages 9 - 24

4. REVISED WHISTLEBLOWING POLICY 2022

To consider and adopt a new Whistleblowing Policy for implementation across the Council.

Pages 25 – 34

5. PROGRESS OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ACTIONS

To consider progress on Corporate Governance Actions. Pages 35 – 44

6. MID YEAR REVIEW OF TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY 2022/23

To consider the Mid Year review of the Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23. Pages 45 - 78

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 -

- 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.

9. PART II MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 7 SEPTEMBER 2022

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 7 September 2022. Pages 79 - 80

10. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

To consider the latest Strategic Risk Register. Pages 81 - 124

11. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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

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