



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 17 March 2020

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Shimkent Room, Daneshill House, Danestrete

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Members: Councillors: M McKay (Chair), J Gardner (Vice-Chair), S Barr, S Booth, L Chester, D Cullen, L Kelly and G Lawrence.
Mr G Gibbs (Independent Co-opted Member).

AGENDA

PART 1

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

2. **MINUTES - 3 FEBRUARY 2020**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 3 February 2020.

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3. **ICT JOINT STRATEGY - UPDATE PRESENTATION**

To receive and consider a presentation on progress in respect of the ICT Joint Strategy.

4. **PROPOSED SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) ANTI-FRAUD PLAN 2020/21**

To consider the proposed Shared Anti-Fraud Service (SAFS) Anti-Fraud Plan 2020/21.

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5. **DRAFT EXTERNAL AUDIT PLANNING REPORT 2019/20**

To consider Ernst and Young's draft Audit Planning report for 2019/20.

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6. **INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2019/20 - PROGRESS REPORT**

To consider the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) Internal Audit progress report 2019/20.

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7. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21

To consider the SIAS Internal Audit Plan 2020/21.
Pages 97 – 122

8. REVISIONS TO FINANCIAL REGULATIONS AND CONTRACT STANDING ORDERS

To consider revised Financial Regulations and Contract Standing Orders for recommendation to Council.
Pages 123 – 232

9. ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING AND ANTI-BRIBERY POLICY

To consider a proposed Anti-Money Laundering and Anti-Bribery Policy.
Pages 233 – 254

10. CORPORATE GOVERNANCE ARRANGEMENTS

To consider an assessment of the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements.
Pages 255 – 276

11. URGENT PART I BUSINESS

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

12. 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.

13. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

To note the latest Strategic Risk Register for Stevenage Borough Council and developments on risk management issues.
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14. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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