



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 9 June 2020

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Virtual (via Zoom)

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

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 Audit Committee held on 3 February 2020.

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3. **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

To note the Terms of Reference for the Committee, as agreed by the Annual Council meeting on 20 May 2020.

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4. **PUBLIC SECTOR AUDIT APPOINTMENTS (PSAA) ANNUAL AUDIT FEE LETTER**

To consider the Public Sector Audit Appointments Ltd Annual Audit Fee Letter.

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

To consider Ernst & Young's External Audit Planning report for 2019/20.

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6. **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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7. SIAS INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2020/21

To consider the SIAS Internal Audit Plan 2020/21.
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8. ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT 2019/20

To consider the Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2019/20 prepared by SIAS.
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9. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2019/20 AND LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

To consider the Annual Governance Statement 2019/20 and Local Code of Corporate Governance.
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10. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 business accepted by the Chair as urgent.

11. 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.

12. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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

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