



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date: Wednesday, 8 September 2021**

**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, Ashley-Wren, S Booth, G Lawrence, N Leech, M McKay, C Parris, L Rossati and Gibbs (Independent Non-voting Co-opted Member)

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## **AGENDA**

### **PART 1**

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

**2. MINUTES - 8 JUNE 2021**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 8 June 2021.

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**3. EXTERNAL AUDIT OF SBC ACCOUNTS 2019/20 - PROGRESS REPORT**

To receive a verbal update from Ernst & Young regarding progress on completion of the 2019/20 external audit of SBC Accounts.

(Verbal Report)

**4. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) ANNUAL REPORT 2020/21**

To consider the SAFS Annual Report 2020/21.

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**5. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) ANTI-FRAUD PLAN 2021/22 - PROGRESS**

To receive a verbal progress report from the SAFS Anti-Fraud Manager in respect of the SAFS Anti-Fraud Plan 2021/22.

(Verbal Report)

**6. SIAS INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2021/22 - PROGRESS REPORT**

To consider a progress report on the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan.

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**7. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - REVIEW OF 2020/21**

To consider the Annual Treasury Management Strategy including Prudential Code Indicators 2020/21.

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**8. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS**

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

**9. 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.

**10. PART II MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 8 JUNE 2021**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 8 June 2021.

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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.

**NOTE: Links to Part 1 Background Documents are shown on the last page of the individual report, where this is not the case they may be viewed by using the following link to agendas for Executive meetings and then opening the agenda for Wednesday, 8 September 2021 –**

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