



## AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Wednesday, 6 September 2023

Time: 6.00pm

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

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Members: Councillors: M McKay (Chair), C. Veres (Vice-Chair), S Booth, L Briscoe, R Broom, N Chowdhury, A Farquharson, G Lawrence CC, Baroness Taylor of Stevenage, OBE and T Wren.  
Independent Co-opted Non-voting Member – Mr S Uddin

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### AGENDA

#### PART I

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

**2. MINUTES - 6 JUNE 2023**

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 6 June 2023.

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**3. EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS AND LOCAL AUDIT DELAYS - DLUHC UPDATE JULY 2023**

To consider a verbal report from Ernst & Young regarding progress on the 2020/21 and 2021/22 External Audits; followed by consideration of an officer report in respect of Local Audit delays – DLUHC Update July 2023.

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**4. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23**

To consider the Shared Anti-Fraud Service (SAFS) Annual Report 2022/23.

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**5. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) - 2023/24 ANTI-FRAUD PLAN - PROGRESS REPORT**

To consider a progress report on the Shared Anti-Fraud Service 2023/24 Anti-Fraud Plan.

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**6. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICES (SIAS) INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24 - PROGRESS REPORT**

To consider a progress report on the SIAS Internal Audit Plan 2023/24.  
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**7. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY REVIEW 2022/23**

To consider a report reviewing the Annual Treasury Management Strategy 2022/23.  
Pages 89 – 110

**8. URGENT PART I BUSINESS**

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

**9. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

To consider the following motions –

1. 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.

**10. PART II MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 6 JUNE 2023**

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 6 June 2023.  
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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.