



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 4 June 2024

Time: 6.00pm,

Location: Council Chamber, Daneshill House, Danestrete, Stevenage

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Members: Councillors: C Veres (Chair), L Briscoe (Vice-Chair), P Bibby CC, R Boyle, L Guy, M Humberstone, T Plater, C Roopchand, A Wells and T Wren.
Mr Syed Uddin (Independent Co-opted Non-voting Member)

AGENDA

PART I

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

2. MINUTES - 26 MARCH 2024

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26th March 2024.

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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 22 May 2024.

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4. EXTERNAL AUDIT 2023/24 - PROGRESS REPORT

To consider a progress report on the Council's 2023/24 external audit from Azets.

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5. ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT & INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

To consider the Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2023/24 prepared by SIAS.

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6. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/2024 AND LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

To consider the Annual Governance Statement 2023/24 and Local Code of Corporate Governance.

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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 –

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.

9. PART II MINUTES - AUDIT COMMITTEE - 26 MARCH 2024

To approve as a correct record the Part II Minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 26 March 2024.

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10. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

To consider the latest Strategic Risk Register.

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11. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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