

### AUDIT COMMITTEE

#### Date: Tuesday, 4 February 2025 Time: 6.00pm, Location: Council Chamber - Daneshill House, Danestrete Contact: Lisa.Jerome Committees@stevenage.gov.uk

| Members: | C Veres (Chair), T Plater (Vice-Chair), L Briscoe,<br>Boyle, L Guy, M Humberstone, C Roopchand, A Wells and |
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Independent Syed Uddin Member:

### AGENDA

## <u> PART 1</u>

## 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

### 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2024.

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### 3. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE - PROGRESS REPORT

To consider a report on the SIAS Internal Audit Plan 2024/25.

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# 4. ANNUAL TREASURY MANAGEMENT STRATEGY INCLUDING PRUDENTIAL INDICATORS 2024/25

To consider the Treasury Management Strategy 2025/26, including its Annual Investment Strategy, Prudential Indicators and Minimum Revenue Provision (MRP) policy.

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### 5. CONTRACT PROCUREMENT RULES

To update Members on the revision to the Council's Contract Standing Orders,

now known as Contract Procedure Rules prior to recommendation to Council.

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# 6. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

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

# 7. 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 paragraphs1 – 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.

## 8. INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2024/25 - PROGRESS REPORT

To consider the Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 progress report.

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# 9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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

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