



## **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

**Date: Tuesday, 3 June 2025**

**Time: 6.00pm,**

**Location: Council Chamber - Daneshill House, Danestrete**

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Members: Councillors: C Veres (Chair), L Briscoe (Vice-Chair), P Bibby, R Boyle, L Brady, M Humberstone, T Plater, C Roopchand, A Wells and T Wren

Independent Member: Syed Uddin

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### **AGENDA**

#### **PART 1**

**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 25 March 2025.

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**3. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN - AZETS**

To consider the Azets External Audit plan 2024/25.

Report to follow

**4. SIAS ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2024/25**

To consider the Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2024/25.

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**5. 2024/25 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT AND LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE**

To advise Members of the Audit Committee on the content of the Council's Annual Governance Statement for 2024/25 and approve changes to the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance.

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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 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.

**8. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER**

To note the latest Strategic Risk Register update for Stevenage Borough Council.

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**9. URGENT PART II BUSINESS**

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