



AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 2 June 2026
Time: 6.30pm,
Location: Council Chamber
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Members: Councillors: Forhad Chowdhury (Chair), Dermot Kehoe (Vice-Chair), Jeff Bullock, Leanne Brady, Coleen De Freitas, Sarah Mead, Liam Morrell Phillips, Graham Spencer and Peter Wilkins

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 24 March 2026
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3. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN - AZETS

To consider the Azets External Audit plan.
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4. SIAS ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT 2025/26

To consider the Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26
57 – 90

5. 2025/26 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 2025/26 and approve changes to the Council's Local Code of Corporate Governance.
91 – 134

6. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

To consider the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2025/26 and note the updated TORs.
135 – 152

7. URGENT PART 1 BUSINESS

To consider any Part 1 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. STRATEGIC RISK REGISTER

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

10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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