AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, 10 November 2026
Time: 6.00pm,
Location: Autun Room - Daneshill House, Danestrete
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Members: Councillors: Forhad Chowdhury (Chair), Dermot Kehoe (Vice-Chair), Jeff Bullock, Leanne Brady, Coleen DeFreitas, Sarah Mead, Liam Morrell Phillips, Graham Spencer and Peter Wilkins

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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 16 September 2026.
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3. MID-YEAR ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT UPDATE
To update the Audit Committee on progress made against the actions set out in the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2025/26, as reported to the Audit Committee at its meeting on 4 June 2026.
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4. MID-YEAR TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2026/27
To update Members on the Treasury Management activities in 2026/27 and review effectiveness of the 2026/27 Treasury Management and Investment Strategy including the 2026/27 prudential and treasury indicators.
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5. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE UPDATE
To note the Shared Internal Audit Service update.
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6. ANTI-FRAUD PROGRESS REPORT 2026/27
To consider the work undertaken by the Shared Anti-Fraud Service (SAFS) and Council Officers to protect the Council against the threat of fraud and the delivery of the Council's Anti-Fraud Action Plan for the current financial year.
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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 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.

9. Q2 CORPORATE RISK REPORT

To note the latest Strategic Risk Register update for Stevenage Borough Council.
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10. URGENT PART II BUSINESS

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

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