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MEETING: PERFORMANCE, AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE

OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD

DATE: TUESDAY 21 MAY 2019

TIME : 7.00 PM

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

To be determined at Annual Council on 15 May 2019

Substitutes

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 - must not participate in any discussion of the matter at the meeting;
 - must not participate in any vote taken on the matter at the meeting;
 - must disclose the interest to the meeting, whether registered or not, subject to the provisions of section 32 of the Localism Act 2011;
 - if the interest is not registered and is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days;
 - must leave the room while any discussion or voting takes place.
- 2. A DPI is an interest of a Member or their partner (which means spouse or civil partner, a person with whom they are living as husband or wife, or a person with whom they are living as if they were civil partners) within the descriptions as defined in the Localism Act 2011.
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AGENDA

1. Appointment of Vice Chairman

To Appoint a Vice Chairman for the Civic Year 2019/20.

2. Apologies

To receive apologies for absence.

3. <u>Minutes - 12 March 2019</u> (Pages 7 - 20)

To approve as a correct record the Minutes of the Performance Audit and Governance Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 12 March 2019.

4. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

To receive any Members' Declarations of Interest and Party Whip arrangements.

- 5. Chairman's Announcements
- 6. External Audit Update on timing of the Audit 2018/19 (Pages 21 26)
- 7. <u>Strategic Risk Register Annual Report</u> (Pages 27 38)

8. Work Programme Proposals 2019-20

Members' comments are sought on the development of a Work Programme for the civic year 2019/20.

9. <u>Urgent Items</u>

To consider such other business as, in the option of the Chairman of the meeting, is off sufficient urgency to warrant consideration and is not likely to involve the disclosure of exempt information.