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MEETING : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : THURSDAY 27 MAY 2021
TIME : 7.00 PM

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor Mark Pope (Chairman)

Councillors A Alder, R Fernando, A Huggins, T Stowe and A Ward-Booth

Substitutes

Conservative Group: Councillors J Burmicz and A Curtis

(Note: Substitution arrangements must be notified by the absent Member to Democratic Services 24 hours before the meeting)

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1. A Member, present at a meeting of the Authority, or any committee, sub-committee, joint committee or joint sub-committee of the Authority, with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest (DPI) in any matter to be considered or being considered at a meeting:
 - 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.
3. The Authority may grant a Member dispensation, but only in limited circumstances, to enable him/her to participate and vote on a matter in which they have a DPI.

4. It is a criminal offence to:

- fail to disclose a disclosable pecuniary interest at a meeting if it is not on the register;
- fail to notify the Monitoring Officer, within 28 days, of a DPI that is not on the register that a Member disclosed to a meeting;
- participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
- knowingly or recklessly provide information that is false or misleading in notifying the Monitoring Officer of a DPI or in disclosing such interest to a meeting.

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AGENDA

1. Appointment of Vice-Chairman for 2021/22
2. Minutes - 16 March 2021 (Pages 7 - 20)
To receive the Minutes of the meeting held on 16 March 2021.
3. Apologies
4. Chairman's Announcements
5. Declarations of Interest
To receive any Member's Declaration of Interest.
6. Questions to the Executive Member for Financial Sustainability
7. 2020/21 Annual Anti-Fraud Report (Pages 21 - 40)
8. Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2020/21
(Pages 41 - 66)
9. Strategic Risk Register – Monitoring 2020/21 - Quarter 4
(Pages 67 - 130)
10. Data Protection Update (Pages 131 - 138)
11. Standards Update (Pages 139 - 142)
12. 2020/21 Provisional Outturn - Update
To receive an oral update from the Head of Strategic Finance and Property on Provisional Outturn 2021/21.

13. Work Programme Proposals 2020-21 (Pages 143 - 152)

14. Urgent Items

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