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MEETING : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : TUESDAY 25 JANUARY 2022
TIME : 7.00 PM

PLEASE NOTE TIME AND VENUE

MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor Mark Pope (Chairman)
Councillors A Alder, A Curtis, R Fernando, A Huggins, T Stowe,
R Townsend and A Ward-Booth (Vice-Chairman)

Substitutes

Conservative Group: Councillors A Curtis and J Burmicz

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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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- participate in any discussion or vote on a matter in which a Member has a DPI;
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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence.

2. Minutes - 9 November 2021 (Pages 7 - 30)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 9 November 2021.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. Budget Scrutiny - Budget 2022/23 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2022-25 (Pages 31 - 144)

6. Treasury Management Strategy Statement and Annual Investment Strategy 2022/23 (Pages 145 - 212)

7. Capital Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy 2022/23 (Pages 213 - 278)

8. Shared Internal Audit Service Internal Audit Plan 2021/22 Progress Report (Pages 279 - 292)

9. Financial Management 2021/22 – Quarter 2 Forecast to Year End (Pages 293 - 342)

10. Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme (Pages 343 - 358)

11. Urgent Items

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

