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**MEETING** : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
**VENUE** : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD  
**DATE** : TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2024  
**TIME** : 7.00 PM

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**MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE**

Councillor Martin Adams (Chairman)  
Councillors B Deering, C Hart, D Jacobs, S Nicholls, G Williamson,  
D Woollcombe (Vice-Chairman)

**Substitutes**

Conservative Group: Councillor J Wyllie  
Liberal Democrat  
Group: Councillors S Marlow and M Swainston  
Green Group: Councillors M Connolly and N Cox  
Labour Group: Councillor Y Estop

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## **AGENDA**

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence

2. Minutes - 29 November 2023 (Pages 6 - 22)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 29 November 2023.

3. Chairman's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. External Audit Planning Report 2023/24

6. Budget 2024/25 and Medium Term Financial Plan 2024 – 2034  
(Pages 23 - 89)

7. Treasury Management 2023/24 Mid-Year Review - 'To Follow'

8. Capital Strategy and Minimum Revenue Provision Policy 2024/25 for Scrutiny - 'To Follow'

9. Financial Management 2023/24 – Quarter 2 Forecast to Year End

10. Shared Internal Audit Service - Progress Report (Pages 90 - 102)

11. Shared Internal Audit Service - Internal Audit Plan 2024/25 - Full Report  
(Pages 103 - 117)
12. Shared Anti-Fraud Service Anti-Fraud Plan Progress Report  
(Pages 118 - 135)
13. Anti-Fraud Plan for 2024/25 (Pages 136 - 177)
14. Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme - 'To Follow'
15. 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.