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MEETING: AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD

DATE: TUESDAY 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

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 and D Woollcombe (Vice-Chairman)

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence

2. <u>Minutes - 31 May 2023</u> (Pages 6 - 22)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 31 May 2023.

- 3. Chairman's Announcements
- 4. <u>Declarations of Interest</u>

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. Co-option of Independent Members

To formally co-opt Independent Members Mark Poppy and Nick Sharman onto the Audit and Governance Committee.

- 6. Training The Role of Internal Audit
- 7. <u>Shared Internal Audit Service Progress Report</u> (Pages 23 34)
- 8. <u>Shared Anti-Fraud Service (SAFS) Anti-Fraud Report 2022/23</u> (Pages 35 63)
- 9. <u>Shared Anti-Fraud Service (SAFS) Anti-Fraud Progress Report 2023/24</u> (Pages 64 76)
- 10. <u>Data Protection Update</u> (Pages 77 82)
- 11. Assets of Community Value (Pages 83 93)

- 12. <u>Provisional General Fund Revenue & Capital Outturn 2022/23</u> (Pages 94 103)
- 13. Budget monitoring forecast outturn to year end 2023/24 (Pages 104 115)
- 14. <u>Monitoring of 2023/24 quarter one corporate risk register</u> (Pages 116 144)
- 15. <u>Draft Annual Governance Statement</u> (Pages 145 184)
- 16. Audit and Governance Work Programme (Pages 185 200)

17. 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.