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MEETING : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : WEDNESDAY 31 MAY 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
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AGENDA

1. Appointment of Vice-Chairman
2. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence
3. Minutes - Audit and Governance Sub-Committee, 16 March 2023 (Pages 6 - 15)
4. Minutes - 12 April 2023 (Pages 16 - 30)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 12 April 2023.
5. Chairman's Announcements
6. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.
7. Training - The Role of the Audit and Governance Committee
8. Annual Leisure Contract Performance Report 2023 (Pages 31 - 57)
9. Hertford Theatre Pricing Strategy Report (Pages 58 - 77)
10. Receipt of the External Auditor's Auditor's Annual Report 2020/21 (Pages 78 - 128)
11. Receipt of the External Auditor's Provisional Audit Planning Report 2021/22 (Pages 129 - 179)
12. Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23 (Pages 180 - 207)

13. Monitoring of 2022/23 Quarter Four Corporate Risk Register (Pages 208 - 238)

14. Audit and Governance Work Programme (Pages 239 - 253)

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.

16. Exclusion of the Press and Public

To move that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting during the discussion of Appendix C, Item 9 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the said Act.