



MEETING: AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

VENUE: COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD

DATE: TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025

TIME : 7.00 PM

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Councillor Martin Adams (Chair)
Councillors B Deering, C Hart, S Nicholls, G Williamson, D Willcocks, D Woollcombe, Mr M Poppy and Mr N Sharman

Substitutes

Conservative Group: Councillor J Wyllie

Green Group: Councillors M Connolly and N Cox

Labour Group: Councillor D Jacobs

Liberal Democrat Group: Councillors S Marlow and M Swainston

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AGENDA

1. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence

2. Minutes - 28 May 2025 (Pages 6 - 20)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 28 May 2025.

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

To receive any declarations of interest.

- 5. External auditors completion report 2023/24 (Pages 21 194)
- 6. External Auditors Audit Plan 2024/25 (Pages 195 234)
- 7. Annual Procurement Report 2025 (Pages 235 267)
- 8. Assets of Community Value Report 2025 (Pages 268 276)
- 9. Shared Anti-Fraud Service Anti-Fraud Report 2024/25 (Pages 277 290)
- 10. <u>Shared Anti-Fraud Service Anti-Fraud Progress Report 2025/26</u> (Pages 291 295)
- 11. Shared Internal Audit Service Progress Report (Pages 296 306)
- 12. <u>Provisional Outturn 2024/25 & Draft Statment of Accounts 2024/25</u> (Pages 307 401)
- 13. Annual Governance Statement 2024/25 (Pages 402 438)
- 14. Treasury Management 2024/25 Outturn (Pages 439 453)

- 15. <u>Financial Management 2025/26 Quarter 1 Forecast to year end</u> (Pages 454 465)
- 16. Strategic Risk Register Monitoring Q1 2025/26 (Pages 466 488)
- 17. Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme (Pages 489 498)

18. <u>Urgent Items</u>

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.