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**MEETING** : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE  
**VENUE** : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD  
**DATE** : TUESDAY 18 FEBRUARY 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 Woolcombe, 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 - 27 November 2024 (Pages 6 - 18)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 27 November 2024.

3. Chair's Announcements

4. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

5. Financial Management 2024/25 - Q2 Forecast to year end - 'to follow'

*Report to follow*

6. Financial Management 2024/25 - Q3 Forecast to year end - 'to follow'

*Report to follow*

7. Treasury Management Mid-Year Review 2024/25 (Pages 19 - 36)

8. Corporate Procurement Strategy 2025-2030 (Pages 37 - 67)

9. 2023/2024 Accounting Policies - 'to follow'

*Report to follow*

10. Shared Anti-Fraud Service - Progress Report 2024/2025 (Pages 68 - 72)

11. Shared Anti-Fraud Service - Anti-Fraud Plan 2025/2026 (Pages 73 - 85)

12. Audit and Governance Work Programme - 'to follow'

*Report to follow*

13. 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.