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MEETING : AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE
VENUE : COUNCIL CHAMBER, WALLFIELDS, HERTFORD
DATE : TUESDAY 30 JUNE 2026
TIME : 7.00 PM

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MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

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

Substitutes

Conservative Group: Councillors R Buckmaster, T Stowe and 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. Appointment of the Vice-Chair for 2026/27

2. Apologies

To receive any apologies for absence

3. Minutes - 24 February 2026 (Pages 6 - 19)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026.

4. Minutes - Joint Meeting of Scrutiny Committees, 28 January 2026 (Pages 20 - 27)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the Joint Meeting of Scrutiny Committees held on 28 January 2026.

5. Chair's Announcements

6. Declarations of Interest

To receive any declarations of interest.

7. Annual Leisure Contract Performance Report (Pages 28 - 41)

8. External Auditors Audit Plan 2025/26 (Pages 42 - 83)

9. Annual Assurance Statement and Internal Audit Annual Report 2025/26
(Pages 84 - 115)

10. BEAM Trading Update (Pages 116 - 129)

11. Provisional Outturn 2025/26 and Draft Statement of Accounts 2025/26
(Pages 130 - 143)

12. Annual Governance Statement 2025/26 (Pages 144 - 175)

13. Strategic Risk Register Quarter 4 2025/26 (Pages 176 - 182)
14. Audit and Governance Committee - Effectiveness Review 2026 (Pages 183 - 200)
15. Audit and Governance Committee Work Programme (Pages 201 - 209)
16. 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.

17. Exclusion of the Press and Public (if required)

No Part II business has been notified for this meeting.

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