



# WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:  
Vanisha Mistry

21 June 2022

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE to be held on Wednesday 29 June 2022 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

Yours faithfully

Governance Services Manager

## AGENDA PART 1

1. SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS

To note any substitution of Committee members made in accordance with Council Procedure Rules.

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2022 (previously circulated).

4. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 11

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS

To note declarations of Members' disclosable pecuniary interests, non-disclosable pecuniary interests and non-pecuniary interests in respect of items on this agenda.

6. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PETITIONS

Up to thirty minutes will be available for questions from members of the public on issues relating to the work of the Committee and to receive any petitions.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Pages 5 - 16)

Report of the Head of Public Health and Protection on the current strategic risks facing the Council, as determined by Corporate Management Team. These risks have been reviewed in place for the Quarter April to July 2022.

8. DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2021/22 (Pages 17 - 36)

Report of the Chief Executive on the draft Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for the financial year 2021/22.

9. WHBC SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 37 - 52)

Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) which provides details on the progress made by SIAS in delivering the Council's Annual Audit Plan for 2022/23 as at 15 June 2022.

10. WHBC SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) - ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 53 - 80)

Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) on the overall opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council's framework of governance, risk management and control.

11. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION

12. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

The Committee is asked to resolve:

That under Section 100(A) (2) and (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the press and public be now excluded from the meeting for item 13 (if any) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of confidential or exempt information as defined in Section 100A (3) and Part I of Schedule 12A of the said Act as amended.

In resolving to exclude the public in respect of the exempt information, it is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

## PART II

13. ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR

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J.Boulton (Vice-Chairman) P.Smith  
L.Brandon C.Stanbury  
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