



# WELWYN HATFIELD

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You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE to be held on Thursday 5 September 2024 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

## AGENDA PART 1

1. APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS

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

2. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 25 June 2024 (previously circulated).

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

4. 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.

5. EXTERNAL AUDIT KPMG - PROGRESS REPORT ON THE EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2023/24 (Pages 5 - 34)

To receive a report from KPMG on the external audit plan and strategy for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT QUARTER 1 RISK REGISTERS (Pages 35 - 80)

Report of the Executive Director (Finance and Transformation)

7. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) - PROGRESS REPORT 2024/25

(Pages 81 - 100)

To receive the Progress report from the Shared Internal Audit Service.

8. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) - ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24  
(Pages 101 - 114)

To receive the Annual report from the Shared Internal Audit Service.

9. SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE - PROGRESS REPORT ON ANTI-FRAUD PLAN 2024/25 (Pages 115 - 120)

To receive the progress report on the Anti-Fraud Plan 2024/25 from the Shared Internal Audit Service.

10. EXTERNAL AUDIT EY - VALUE FOR MONEY INTERIM REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023 (Pages 121 - 144)

To receive the Value for Money Interim Report, year ended 31 March 2023, Ernst and Young LLP

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 12 (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

Circulation: Councillors D.Panter (Chair) R.Platt  
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