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14 March 2018

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE to be held on Thursday 22 March 2018 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

Yours faithfully

**Executive Director** 

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Public Protection, Planning and Governance

### AGENDA PART1

### 1. <u>SUBSTITUTION OF MEMBERS</u>

To note any substitution of Committee members made in accordance with Council Procedure Rules 19-22.

### 2. APOLOGIES

### 3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 15 January 2018 (previously circulated).

### 4. ACTIONS UPDATE

There is nothing to report.

## 5. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 11 AND ANY ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

### 6. <u>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS BY MEMBERS</u>

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

#### 7. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND PETITIONS

Up to fifteen 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.

## 8. <u>SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) PROGRESS REPORT</u> (Pages 5 - 18)

Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) which provides details of the delivery plan and key findings. Also details of the proposed amendments to the Audit Plan.

### 9. <u>SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) AUDIT PLAN REPORT 2018-2019</u> (Pages 19 - 36)

Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) on the Audit Plan for 2018-2019.

# 10. <u>EXTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT - ERNST AND YOUNG LLP (EY)</u> (Pages 37 - 44)

External Audit Progress Report which provides the Committee with an overview of the progress that has been made with the work that has been completed during the 2017/18 Audit.

## 11. <u>SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION</u>

#### 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. <u>ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF AN EXEMPT NATURE AT THE DISCRETION OF THE CHAIR</u>

<u>Circulation:</u> Councillors N.Pace (Chairman) H.Quenet

J.Boulton S.Roberts H.Bower K.Thorpe

G.Michaelides

D.Bell (Executive Member, Resources)

**Executive Board** 

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