



WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:
Brad Taylor

16 September
2021

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE to be held on Monday 27 September 2021 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber. Council Offices, Campus East, WGC, AL8 6AE

Yours faithfully

Corporate Director
Public Protection, Planning and Governance

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 June 2021 (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 REPORT (Pages 5 - 12)

Report of the Corporate Director (Public Protection, Planning and Governance) on the current strategic risks facing the Council as determined by the Corporate Management Team. These risks have been reviewed in place for the quarter July to September 2021.

8. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 13 - 26)

Annual Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service (SIAS) 2020/21

9. WHBC SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 27 - 44)

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 2021/22 as of 10 September 2021

10. EXTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE - SEPTEMBER 2021 (Pages 45 - 52)

Report of EY, external auditors, providing an update on the audit progress for the year ended 31 March 2021

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

<u>Circulation:</u>	Councillors	G.Michaelides (Chairman)	F.Marsh
		J.Boulton (Vice-Chairman)	S.Kasumu
		L.Brandon	J.Skoczylas
		G.Ganney	

Corporate Management Team
Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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