



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 Tuesday 25 June 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 18 March 2024 (previously circulated).

3. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 13

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 - 2021/22 AUDITOR'S ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 3 - 28)

6. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 29 - 42)

7. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) ANNUAL ASSURANCE STATEMENT AND INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT (Pages 43 - 70)

8. SHARED ANTI FRAUD SERVICE PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 71 - 86)

9. RISK MANAGEMENT REPORT QUARTER 4 2023/24 (Pages 87 - 132)
10. WHBC DRAFT STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2023/24 (Pages 133 - 248)
11. DRAFT ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2023/24 (Pages 249 - 268)
12. REVIEW OF CORPORATE ANT-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION POLICY AND ASSOCIATED POLICIES (Pages 269 - 314)
13. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION
14. 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 15 (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

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

<u>Circulation:</u>	Councillors	D.Panter (Chair)	R.Platt
		C.Watson (Vice-Chairman)	V.Welburn
		J.Boulton	K.Bonkur

Senior Leadership Team
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