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21 January 2025

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT COMMITTEE to be held on Thursday 30 January 2025 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

A G E N D A PART 1

1. <u>APOLOGIES & SUBSTITUTIONS</u>

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 5 September 2024 (previously circulated).

3. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 9

4. <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.

- 5. <u>INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT</u> (Pages 3 18)
- 6. <u>KPMG EXTERNAL YEAR END AUDIT REPORT</u> (Pages 19 54)
- 7. KPMG ANNUAL AUDITOR'S REPORT (Pages 55 76)
- 8. <u>2023/24 STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS</u> (Pages 77 80)

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

10. 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

11. 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) K.Bonkur

J.Boulton

Senior Leadership Team
Press and Public (except Part II Items)

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