



WELWYN HATFIELD

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Please ask for:
Suzanne Hulks

***PLEASE NOTE DATE**

6 January 2017

Dear Councillor

You are requested to attend a meeting of the WELWYN HATFIELD BOROUGH COUNCIL AUDIT Committee to be held on **Monday**, 16th January, 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, The Campus, Welwyn Garden City, Herts, AL8 6AE

Yours faithfully

Executive 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 19-22.

2. APOLOGIES

3. MINUTES

To confirm as a correct record the Minutes of the meeting held on 17 October 2016 (previously circulated).

4. ACTIONS UPDATE

Report of the Director (Governance) which lists the actions from previous meetings and their current status.

5. NOTIFICATION OF URGENT BUSINESS TO BE CONSIDERED UNDER ITEM 10 AND ANY ITEMS WITHDRAWN FROM THE AGENDA

6. 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.

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. SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT (Pages 5 - 16)

Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service asking Members to note the Internal Audit Progress Report and to approve amendments to the Audit Plan.

9. OPTIONS FOR APPOINTING AN EXTERNAL AUDITOR (Pages 17 - 32)

Report of the Executive Director (Resources, Environment and Cultural Services), informing Members of the change to the method of selecting and appointing an external auditor and seeking agreement to recommend to Cabinet and Council that this Council should join the national appointment scheme.

10. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS, IN THE OPINION OF THE CHAIR, IS OF SUFFICIENT URGENCY TO WARRANT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION (Pages 33 - 60)

11. 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.

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

Circulation: Councillors G Michaelides (Chairman) H Quenet
M Levitt S Roberts
S Markiewicz

D Bell (Executive Member, Resources)

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