

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



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To: Members of the Committee: Councillors Kate Aspinwall, Sam North, Steve Deakin-Davies, Morgan Derbyshire, Steve Jarvis, Kay Tart and Michael Weeks

Substitutes: Councillors Sam Collins, George Davies, Ian Moody and Adem Ruggiero-Cakir

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A**

**MEETING OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE**

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, GERNON ROAD,  
LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY**

On

**MONDAY, 20TH JANUARY, 2020 AT 7.30 PM**

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson  
Service Director – Legal and Community

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## **Agenda** **Part I**

<b>Item</b>	<b>Page</b>
<b>1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b>	
<b>2. MINUTES - 5 DECEMBER 2019</b> To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 5 December 2019.	(Pages 5 - 12)
<b>3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS</b> Members should notify the Chairman of other business which they wish to be discussed at the end of either Part I or Part II business set out in the agenda. They must state the circumstances which they consider justify the business being considered as a matter of urgency.  The Chairman will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
<b>4. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS</b> Members are reminded that any declarations of interest in respect of any business set out in the agenda, should be declared as either a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest or Declarable Interest and are required to notify the Chairman of the nature of any interest declared at the commencement of the relevant item on the agenda. Members declaring a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest must withdraw from the meeting for the duration of the item. Members declaring a Declarable Interest, wishing to exercise a 'Councillor Speaking Right', must declare this at the same time as the interest, move to the public area before speaking to the item and then must leave the room before the debate and vote.	
<b>5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION</b> To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.	
<b>6. EXTERNAL AUDIT PLAN FOR YEAR ENDING 31/3/20</b> REPORT OF ERNST AND YOUNG  To consider the External Audit Plan for year ending 31/3/20.	(Pages 13 - 46)
<b>7. REVENUE BUDGET REPORT 2020/21</b> REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES  To consider the draft budget for 2020/21 and the main factors which contribute to the determination of the North Hertfordshire District Council (NHDC) Council Tax level. To consider the appropriate level of Council Tax that will be recommended to the meeting of the Council on the 6 February 2020.	(Pages 47 - 80)

8. **INVESTMENT STRATEGY (INTEGRATED CAPITAL AND TREASURY)** (Pages  
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 81 - 138)

To consider the Investment Strategy and recommend to Council the adoption of the Investment Strategy.

9. **FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT CODE** (Pages  
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 139 -  
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To provide an assessment of how well the Council performs against the Financial Management Code launched by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and actions that it plans to take.

10. **POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**  
The Chairman to lead a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings.