

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee held in the Council Chamber, District Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth Garden City
on Monday, 12th July, 2021 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Adem Ruggiero-Cakir.

2 MINUTES - 23 JUNE 2021

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 23 June 2021 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

- (1) The Chair welcomed Councillor Sean Prendergast who had joined the Committee following a change in the membership. The Chair advised that Councillor Prendergast had replaced Councillor Sam Collins;
- (2) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be audio recorded and streamed on YouTube;
- (3) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

6 ANTI-FRAUD REPORT 2020/21

RESOLVED:

- (1) That the Councils work to combat fraud in 2020/21 be noted; and
- (2) That the performance of SAFS in meeting its KPIs in 2020/21 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISIONS: To enable the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee to review the Council's work to combat fraud in 2020/21 and the performance of SAFS in meeting its KPIs in 2020/21.

7 ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2020/21

RESOLVED: That the draft AGS Action Plan be noted in order for it to be finalised for approval as soon as possible after the Council's External Audit has been completed.

REASON FOR DECISION: The Committee is the legal body with responsibility for approval of the AGS. Reporting the draft AGS and Action Plan at this stage provides an opportunity for the Committee to assess and comment on the draft, before it is finalised and brought back for approval after the External Audit has been completed.

8 SIAS REVIEW OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 2020-21

RESOLVED: That the SIAS Review of the Effectiveness of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee 2020-21 be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION: To allow the Committee to consider the conclusions reached by the review and comment on the recommendations made.

9 POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

It was agreed that the CIPFA Financial Management Code be an agenda item at the next meeting of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee scheduled to take place on 15 September 2021.

The Chair welcomed Members to contact him in order to suggest possible agenda items for future meetings.