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Our Ref Finance, Audit and Risk
Committee/07/09/22
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To: Members of the Committee: Terry Tyler (Chair), Clare Billing (Vice-Chair), George Davies, Morgan Derbyshire, Phil Weeder, Sean Nolan, Terry Hone and Cannon

Substitutes: Councillors Juan Cowell, Steve Jarvis, Nigel Mason and Kay Tart

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES,
LETCWORTH GARDEN CITY**

On

WEDNESDAY, 7TH SEPTEMBER, 2022 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

Item		Page
1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE	Members are required to notify any substitutions by midday on the day of the meeting. Late substitutions will not be accepted and Members attending as a substitute without having given the due notice will not be able to take part in the meeting.	
2. MINUTES - 15 JUNE 2022	To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 15 June 2022	(Pages 5 - 14)
3. NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS	Members should notify the Chair 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 Chair will decide whether any item(s) raised will be considered.	
4. CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS	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 Chair 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.	
5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION	To receive petitions, comments and questions from the public.	
6. EXTERNAL AUDITORS ANNUAL REPORT 20-21		(Pages 15 - 56)
7. SAFS ANNUAL REPORT 2021/22 - SAFS REPORT OF THE SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS)	To review the Councils work to combat fraud in 2021/22	(Pages 57 - 80)

8. **SIAS ANNUAL REPORT 2021-22** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE 81 - 94)
- To receive the 2021-22 Annual Report of the Shared Internal Audit Service
9. **SIAS PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE 95 - 108)
- To receive the Internal Audit Progress Report 2021-22 of the SIAS
10. **COUNCIL TAX REDUCTION SCHEME 2023/24** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR: CUSTOMERS 109 -
122)
- The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the progress that has been made so far on the full review of the Council Tax Reduction Scheme. The review is one of the Councils key projects for 2022/23 included in the Council Delivery Plan.
11. **FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY) REVIEW 2022/23** (Pages
REPORT OF: SERVICE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES 123 -
154)
- To update Cabinet on progress with delivering the capital and treasury strategy for 2022/23, as at the end of June 2022.
12. **FIRST QUARTER REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2022/23** (Pages
REPORT OF: THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES 155 -
168)
- To inform Cabinet of the summary position on revenue income and expenditure forecasts for the financial year 2022/23, as at the end of the first quarter.
13. **MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 169 -
186)
- To consider the Medium Term Financial Strategy
14. **POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
- The Chair to lead a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings.