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Our Ref Finance, Audit and Risk Committee 13
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To: Members of the Committee: Sean Nolan, Terry Tyler, Terry Hone, Chris Lucas, Tom Plater,
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Substitutes: Councillors Matt Barnes, Clare Billing, Sam Collins, Adam Compton, Juan Cowell
and Daniel Marsh

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF A

MEETING OF THE FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

to be held in the

**COUNCIL CHAMBER, DISTRICT COUNCIL OFFICES, GERON
ROAD, LETCHWORTH, HERTS**

On

WEDNESDAY, 13TH SEPTEMBER, 2023 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

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Agenda **Part I**

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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 - 21 JUNE 2023 To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 21 June 2023	(Pages 5 - 16)
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.	FINAL AUDIT RESULTS REPORT 2021-22 REPORT OF ERNST AND YOUNG Final Audit Result Report in relation to the audit of North Hertfordshire District Council 2021-22.	(Pages 17 - 68)
7.	STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2021-22 REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES	(Pages 69 - 182)

To approve the audited Statement of Accounts for 2021/22. The Statement of Accounts has been subject to external audit and a draft is enclosed with the report as Appendix A.

- 8. ANNUAL AUDIT REPORT FOR 2021-22** (Pages
REPORT OF ERNST AND YOUNG 183 -
204)

North Hertfordshire District Council, Auditor's Annual Report for Year ended 31 March 2022.
- 9. SAFS ANTI-FRAUD REPORT 2022-23** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) 205 -
234)

A report providing details of the work undertaken by the Council and the Shared Anti-Fraud Service to protect the Council against the threat of fraud and the delivery of the Council's Anti-Fraud Action Plan for 2022-2023.
- 10. SAFS ANTI-FRAUD PROGRESS REPORT 2023-24** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) 235 -
248)

To review the progress and delivery of the Anti-Fraud plan 2023-24.
- 11. SIAS SERVICE REPORT UPDATE 2023-24** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE 249 -
266)

To receive the Internal Audit Service progress report 2023-24 of the SIAS.
- 12. ANNUAL GOVERNANCE STATEMENT 2022-23** (Pages
REPORT OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITY MANAGER. 267 -
284)

For the Committee to approve the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for the year 2022-23 and Action Plan.
- 13. FIRST QUARTER REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2023-24** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES 285 -
296)

To inform Cabinet of the summary position on revenue income and expenditure forecasts for the financial year 2023-24, as at the end of the first quarter.
- 14. FIRST QUARTER INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY) REVIEW 2023-24** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 297 -
328)

To receive an update on progress with delivering the capital and treasury strategy for 2023-24, as at the end of June 2023.
- 15. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
The Chair to lead a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings.