

28 February 2025

Our Ref Finance, Audit and Risk Committee 12
March 2025
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To: Members of the Committee Councillors: Sean Nolan (Chair), Vijaiya Poopalasingham (Vice-Chair), Tina Bhartwas, Ruth Brown, Dominic Griffiths, Steven Patmore, Paul Ward and Stewart Willoughby

Substitute Councillors: Cathy Brownjohn, Sam Collins, Nigel Mason, Caroline McDonnell, Ralph Muncer, Claire Strong, Claire Winchester and Daniel Wright-Mason

Independent Member: John Cannon *Non-voting advisory role*

**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, SG6 3JF**

On

WEDNESDAY, 12TH MARCH, 2025 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Jeanette Thompson
Service Director – Legal and Community

****MEMBERS PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU DOWNLOAD ALL AGENDAS AND REPORTS VIA THE MOD.GOV APPLICATION ON YOUR TABLET BEFORE ATTENDING THE MEETING****

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 - 5 FEBRUARY 2025	To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 5 February 2025.	(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. SAFS ANTI-FRAUD PLAN PROGRESS UPDATE 2024/25 REPORT OF THE SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS)	To review the progress and delivery of the Anti-Fraud plan 2024-25.	(Pages 15 - 20)

7. **SAFS PROPOSED ANTI-FRAUD PLAN 2025/26** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS) 21 - 34)
- To consider the proposed anti-fraud plan 2025/26.
8. **SIAS PROPOSED PLAN 2025/26** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE (SIAS) 35 - 76)
- To consider the proposed plan for 2025/26.
9. **THIRD QUARTER REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2024/25** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES 77 - 90)
- To consider the Third Quarter Revenue Monitoring report for 2024/25.
10. **THIRD QUARTER INVESTMENT STRATEGY (CAPITAL AND TREASURY)
REVIEW 2024/25** (Pages
REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES 91 - 118)
- To update Cabinet on progress with delivering the capital and treasury strategy for 2024/25, as at the end of December 2024.
11. **LOCAL CODE OF CORPORATE GOVERNANCE 2025** (Pages
THE REPORT OF THE POLICY AND COMMUNITIES MANAGER 119 -
134)
- The report highlights the Local Code of Corporate Governance for 2025.
12. **POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**
The Chair to lead a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings.