

# NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

29 August 2025 Our Ref Finance, Audit and Risk Committee 10

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To: Members of the Committee Councillors: Sean Nolan (Chair), Vijaiya Poopalasingham (Vice-Chair), Ruth Brown, Dominic Griffiths, Sarah Lucas, Steven Patmore, Paul Ward and Stewart Willoughby

Substitute Councillors: Cathy Brownjohn, Sam Collins, Ralph Muncer, Daniel Wright-Mason and Matt Barnes

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, LETCHWORTH GARDEN CITY, SG6 3JF

On

WEDNESDAY, 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2025 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Alajooz Director – Governance

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## Agenda <u>Part I</u>

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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 - 11 JUNE 2025

(Pages 5 - 14)

To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 11 June 2025.

#### 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 ANNUAL REPORT 2024/25

(Pages

REPORT OF THE SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS)

15 - 30)

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 2024/25.

| 7.  | SAFS PROGRESS REPORT 2025/26 REPORT OF THE SHARED ANTI-FRAUD SERVICE (SAFS)   | (Pages<br>31 - 36)  |
|-----|---|---------------------|
|     | To review the progress and delivery of the Anti-Fraud plan 2025/26.   |                     |
| 8.  | SIAS PROGRESS REPORT 2025/26<br>REPORT OF THE SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE   | (Pages<br>37 - 56)  |
|     | To receive the Internal Audit Service progress report 2024-25 of the SIAS.  |                     |
| 9.  | FIRST QUARTER REVENUE BUDGET MONITORING 2025/26 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR - RESOURCES  | (Pages<br>57 - 72)  |
|     | To inform Cabinet of the summary position on revenue income and expenditure forecasts for the financial year 2025/26, as at the end of the first quarter. |                     |
| 10. | FIRST QUARTER TREASURY MANAGEMENT REVIEW 2025/26 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES   | (Pages<br>73 - 92)  |
|     | To update Cabinet on progress with delivering the Treasury Strategy for 2025/26, as at the end of June 2025.  |                     |
| 11. | FIRST QUARTER CAPITAL PROGRAMME MONITORING 2025/26 REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES   | (Pages<br>93 - 104) |
|     | To update Cabinet on progress with delivering the Capital Programme for 2025/26, as at the end of June 2025   |                     |

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