

NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL



30 October 2026

Our Ref Finance, Audit and Risk Committee 11
November 2026
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To: Members of the Committee Councillors: Vijaiya Poopalasingham (Chair), Stewart Willoughby (Vice-Chair), Ruth Brown, Elizabeth Dennis, Chris Lucas, Steven Patmore and Paul Ward

Substitute Councillors: Ralph Muncer, Matt Barnes, Dominic Griffiths, David Barnard, Clare Billing and Nigel 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, GERNON
ROAD, LETCHWORTH, SG6 3JF**

On

WEDNESDAY, 11TH NOVEMBER, 2026 AT 7.30 PM

Yours sincerely,

Isabelle Alajooz
Director – Governance

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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 - 9 SEPTEMBER 2026	To take as read and approve as a true record the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on the 9 September 2026.	(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. SIAS PROGRESS REPORT 2026/27	REPORT OF THE SHARED INTERNAL AUDIT SERVICE To receive the Internal Audit Service progress report 206/27 of the SIAS.	(Pages 17 - 34)

7. MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2027-30
REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR – RESOURCES

(Pages
35 - 50)

This report recommends the Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) for 2027/28 to 2029/30 to guide and inform the Council's Business Planning Process. The three year period of the MTFS reflects the probable timelines related to Local Government Reorganisation.

The MTFS supports and is supported by the Council Plan. This reflects that the Council can only deliver priorities and projects that it can afford and should prioritise its spending around delivering its priorities.

8. POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair to lead a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings.