NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

DECISION SHEET

Meeting of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee held in the Council Chamber - District Council Offices, Gernon Road, Letchworth, SG6 3JF on Wednesday, 11th November, 2026 at 7.30 pm

1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence received.

Councillor Steven Patmore was absent.

2 MINUTES - 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 9 September 2026 be approved as a true record of the proceedings and be signed by the Chair.

3 NOTIFICATION OF OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business notified.

4 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

(1) The Chair advised that, in accordance with Council Policy, the meeting would be recorded.

(2) The Chair drew attention to the item on the agenda front pages regarding Declarations of Interest and reminded Members that, in line with the Code of Conduct, any Declarations of Interest needed to be declared immediately prior to the item in question.

(3) The Chair advised that section 4.8.23(a) of the Constitution did not apply to this meeting.

5 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation at this meeting.

6 SIAS PROGRESS REPORT 2026/27

RESOLVED: That the Committee:

(1) Noted the SIAS Progress Report for the period to 23 October 2026.

(2) Noted the implementation status of the reported high-priority recommendations.

REASON FOR DECISION: To report progress made by the SIAS in delivering the Council's Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2025/26 as 23 October 2026.

7 MEDIUM TERM FINANCIAL STRATEGY 2027-30

RECOMMENDED TO CABINET:

(1) That the Medium-Term Financial Strategy 2027 – 2030 attached as Appendix 1 to the report can be recommended on to Council to be adopted.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION:

(1) Adoption of a Medium-Term Financial Strategy (MTFS) and communication of its contents will assist in the process of forward planning the use of Council resources and in budget setting for 2027/2028 onwards, culminating in the setting of the Council Tax precept for 2027/28 in February 2027. Alongside the Council Plan, this will support the Council in setting a budget that is affordable and aligned to Council priorities.

(2) The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee support the development of the MTFS through reviewing and commenting on the underlying assumptions and risks.

8 POSSIBLE AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair led a discussion regarding possible agenda items for future meetings and two items were suggested.