

# Audit Committee Agenda

## Wednesday 23 September 2015 at 7.30 pm

### Bulbourne Room - Civic Centre, Hemel Hempstead

The Councillors listed below are requested to attend the above meeting, on the day and at the time and place stated, to consider the business set out in this agenda.

Membership

Councillor Taylor (Chairman) Councillor Adshead Councillor Barnes Councillor Douris Councillor Tindall Councillor Wyatt-Lowe

Substitute Members: Councillors Anderson, Brown, Link and Ransley

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### AGENDA

#### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

To receive any apologies for absence

#### 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

To receive any declarations of interest

A member with a disclosable pecuniary interest or a personal interest in a matter who attends a meeting of the authority at which the matter is considered -

(i) must disclose the interest at the start of the meeting or when the interest becomes apparent

and, if the interest is a disclosable pecuniary interest, or a personal interest which is also prejudicial

(ii) may not participate in any discussion or vote on the matter (and must withdraw to the public seating area) unless they have been granted a dispensation.

A member who discloses at a meeting a disclosable pecuniary interest which is not registered in the Members' Register of Interests, or is not the subject of a pending notification, must notify the Monitoring Officer of the interest within 28 days of the disclosure.

Disclosable pecuniary interests, personal and prejudicial interests are defined in Part 2 of the Code of Conduct For Members

[If a member is in any doubt as to whether they have an interest which should be declared they should seek the advice of the Monitoring Officer before the start of the meeting]

#### 3. MINUTES AND ACTIONS

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting and consider the actions

#### 4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

An opportunity for members of the public to make statements and ask questions in accordance with the rules as to Public Participation

5. **PROGRESS REPORT - INTERNAL AUDIT** (Pages 1 - 14)

#### 6. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT - REGENERATION (Pages 15 - 30)

#### 7. EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC

This report and associated policy contains information relating to the business affairs of the Council which may be of value to fraudsters. The Department for Work and Pensions, which oversees housing benefit administration, states that this information should not be made public due to the sensitivity of its contents.

Local Government Act 1972, Schedule 12A, Part 1, paragraph 3

# 8. INTRODUCTION OF RISK BASED VERIFICATION FOR HOUSING BENEFIT AND COUNCIL TAX SUPPORT (Pages 31 - 60)

9. APPENDIX A - AUDIT COMMITTEE WORK PROGRAMME (Pages 61 - 62)