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NOTICE OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Monday, 29 June 2015 10.00 a.m.

Venue at

Council Chamber, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the AUDIT COMMITTEE:

Cllrs M C Blair (Chairman), D Bowater (Vice-Chairman), P Downing,
D J Lawrence, R Morris, D Shelvey and A Zerny

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs N B Costin, F Firth, Ms A M W Graham and Mrs J G Lawrence]

All other Members of the Council - on request

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MEETING***

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AGENDA

1. **Apologies for Absence**

To receive apologies for absence and notification of substitute Members.

2. **Minutes**

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the meeting of the Audit Committee held on 30 March 2015 (copy attached).

3. **Members' Interests**

To receive from Members any declarations of interest.

4. **Chairman's Announcements and Communications**

To receive any announcements from the Chairman and any matters of communication.

5. **Petitions**

To receive petitions from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure set out in Annex 2 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

6. **Questions, Statements or Deputations**

To receive any questions, statements or deputations from members of the public in accordance with the Public Participation Procedure as set out in Annex 1 of Part A4 of the Constitution.

Reports

Item	Subject	Page Nos.
7.	Central Bedfordshire Statement of Accounts 2014/15 To receive a presentation on the draft Statement of Accounts for 2014/15.	
8.	Annual Audit and Certification Fees 2015-16 To receive a letter from Ernst & Young LLP to the Chief Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council confirming the audit and certification work that the company proposes to undertake for the 2015-16 financial year and the related fees.	* 13 - 18

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| 9. | Annual Governance Statement 2014/15 | * 19 - 40 |
| | To consider the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2014/15. | |
| 10. | Annual Counter Benefit Fraud Update | * 41 - 52 |
| | To consider the annual update on counter fraud activity. | |
| 11. | Local Government Pension Scheme Update | * 53 - 66 |
| | To receive an update on the governance of the Local Government Pension Scheme. | |
| 12. | 2014-15 Internal Audit - Annual Audit Opinion | * 67 - 88 |
| | To consider the annual report to those charged with governance on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of Central Bedfordshire Council's financial and other management internal controls. | |
| 13. | Tracking of Internal Audit Recommendations | * 89 - 100 |
| | To consider a summary of high priority recommendations arising from the Internal Audit reports together with the progress made in their implementation. | |
| 14. | Work Programme | * 101 - 104 |
| | To consider the Audit Committee's work programme. | |