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NOTICE OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Monday, 11 January 2016 10.00 a.m.

Venue at

Room 15, Priory House, Monks Walk, Shefford

Richard Carr
Chief Executive

To: The Chairman and Members of the AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

[Named Substitutes:

Clrs N B Costin, F Firth, Mrs J G Lawrence and I Shingler]

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 28 September 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.	Certification Annual Report 2014-15 To receive the annual certification report from Ernst & Young LLP which summarises the results of certification work at Central Bedfordshire Council on 2014-15 claims and returns.	* 43 - 54
8.	Annual Audit Letter To consider the Annual Audit Letter 2014/15 from Ernst & Young LLP which sets out the key issues arising from the external auditor's work.	* 55 - 68

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| 9. | External Audit Progress Report | * | 69 - 88 |
| | To consider a report from Ernst & Young LLP which provides an update on the progress made by the company in carrying out the Council's 2014-15 audit. The report also includes, as an appendix, a briefing document on issues which might have an impact on the Council, the local government sector and the audits undertaken by Ernst & Young. | | |
| 10. | Statement of Accounts 2015/16 | * | 89 - 96 |
| | To consider an outline of any changes required to the Council's statutory Statement of Accounts for 2015/16. | | |
| 11. | Local Government Pension Scheme Update | * | 97 - 106 |
| | To consider an update on the governance of the Local Government Pension Scheme. | | |
| 12. | Internal Audit Progress Report | * | 107 - 120 |
| | To consider an update on the progress of work by Internal Audit for 2015/16. | | |
| 13. | Risk Update Report | * | 121 - 144 |
| | To consider an overview of the Council's risk position as at December 2015. | | |
| 14. | Tracking of Internal Audit Recommendations | * | 145 - 154 |
| | To consider a summary of high priority recommendations arising from the Internal Audit reports together with the progress made in their implementation. | | |
| 15. | Work Programme | * | 155 - 158 |
| | To consider the Audit Committee's work programme. | | |