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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date & Time

**Monday, 27 June 2016 2.00 p.m.**

Venue at

**Room 14, Priory House, Chicksands, Shefford**

Richard Carr  
**Chief Executive**

## **PLEASE NOTE THE START TIME**

To: The Chairman and Members of the AUDIT COMMITTEE:

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

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs R D Berry, D Bowater, 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 4 April 2016 (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 as 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.	<b>Central Bedfordshire Council Unaudited Statement of Accounts 2015/16</b>  To receive a presentation on the unaudited Statement of Accounts for 2015/16.	
8.	<b>Annual Audit and Certification Fees 2016/17</b>  To consider 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 2016/17 financial year and the related fees.	* 17 - 22

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| 9.  | <b>External Audit Progress Report</b>  | * 23 - 32   |
|     | To consider a report from Ernst & Young LLP which provides a summary of the progress made by the company in delivering the 2015/16 Audit Plan.   |             |
| 10. | <b>Central Bedfordshire Council - Public Interest Disclosure regarding the Partnership the Council has entered into for Legal Services</b>   | * 33 - 38   |
|     | To consider a letter from Ernst & Young LLP to the Chief Executive of Central Bedfordshire Council summarising the company's findings and conclusions following a review into the Council's arrangements for the procurement of legal services.  |             |
| 11. | <b>Annual Governance Statement 2015/16</b>   | + To Follow |
|     | To consider the draft Annual Governance Statement for 2015/16.   |             |
| 12. | <b>Local Government Pension Scheme Update</b>  | * 39 - 46   |
|     | To consider an update on the governance of the Local Government Pension Scheme.  |             |
| 13. | <b>Appointment of the Council's External Auditors following the Expiry of the Current Contract</b>   | * 47 - 54   |
|     | To consider a summary of the changes to the arrangements for the appointment of External Auditors following the closure of the Audit Commission and the end of the transitional arrangements together with the options available for arranging the first appointment of an External Auditor by 31 December 2017. |             |
| 14. | <b>2015/16 Internal Audit - Annual Audit Opinion</b>   | * 55 - 80   |
|     | 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.   |             |
| 15. | <b>Risk Update Report</b>  | * 81 - 88   |
|     | To consider an overview of the Council's risk position as at June 2016.  |             |

16. **Tracking of Internal Audit Recommendations** \* 89 - 98

To consider a summary of high priority recommendations arising from Internal Audit reports together with the progress made in their implementation.

17. **Work Programme** \* 99 - 102

To consider the Audit Committee's work programme.