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NOTICE OF MEETING

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Date & Time

Monday, 9 April 2018 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:

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

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs R D Berry, Mrs J G Lawrence, I Shingler and N Warren]

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 8 January 2018 (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 4G 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 4G of the Constitution.

Reports

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7.	External Audit Progress Report To consider a report from Ernst & Young LLP which provides an overview of the progress made by the company with regard to the work it needs to complete during the 2017/18 audit.	* 15 - 24

8. **Annual Review of Risk Based Verification (RBV) Policy for Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Support Assessments** * 25 - 34
- To consider an update on the operation of the current Risk Based Verification (RBV) Policy and seek approval for the proposed Policy for 2018/19.
9. **Counter Fraud and Corruption Strategy** * 35 - 60
- To consider the proposed corporate strategy for countering fraud and corruption.
10. **Updated 2018-19 Internal Audit Plan** * 61 - 74
- To review the updated 2018/19 Internal Audit Plan.
11. **Risk Update Report** * 75 - 86
- To consider an overview of the Council's risk position as at March 2018.
12. **Internal Audit Progress Report** * 87 - 96
- To consider an update on the progress of work by Internal Audit for 2017/18.
13. **Tracking of Internal Audit Recommendations** * 97 - 104
- To consider a summary of high priority recommendations arising from Internal Audit reports together with the progress made in their implementation.
14. **Work Programme** * 105 - 108
- To consider the Audit Committee's work programme.

Exempt Appendix

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15.	Annual Review of Risk Based Verification (RBV) Policy for Housing Benefit and Local Council Tax Support Assessments	* 7	109 - 114

To receive the exempt appendix.