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## **NOTICE OF MEETING**

### **AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Date & Time

**Monday, 11 March 2019 10.00 a.m.**

Venue at

**Council Chamber, 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), N B Costin,  
P Downing, R Morris, D Shelvey and A Zerny

[Named Substitutes:

Cllrs D Bowater, F Firth, Mrs J G Lawrence and I Shingler]

All other Members of the Council - on request

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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 19 November 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 the Constitution.

### Reports

**Item      Subject**

7. **Certification of Claims and Returns Annual Report 2017/18**

To receive a report from Ernst & Young LLP summarising the results of the external auditor's work on Central Bedfordshire Council's 2017/18 housing benefit subsidy claim and other returns as appropriate.

8. **External Audit Planning Report**

To consider a report from Ernst & Young LLP which provides the Audit Committee with a basis to review the company's proposed audit approach and scope for the 2018/19 audit and ensure that the audit is aligned with the Committee's service expectations.

9. **Annual Review of Risk Based Verification (RBV) Policy for Housing Benefit and Local Tax Support Assessments**

To consider an update on the operation of the current Risk Based Verification (RBV) Policy and seek approval for the proposed Policy for 2019/20.

10. **Local Government Pension Scheme Update**

To consider an update on the performance and governance of the Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS).

11. **Statement of Accounts 2018/19**

To consider an outline of the key changes required to the Council's statutory Statement of Accounts for 2018/19.

12. **Corporate Risk Management Review**

To consider an update on the findings of a recent review undertaken by Zurich Municipal of the corporate Risk Management arrangements and the resultant action plan to address the recommendations.

13. **Risk Update Report**

To consider an overview of the Council's risk position as at February 2019.

14. **Tracking of Internal Audit High Priority Recommendations/Agreed Actions**

To consider a summary of the high priority recommendations/Agreed actions arising from Internal Audit reports and the progress made in their implementation.

15. **Internal Audit Progress Report**

To consider an update on the progress of work by Internal Audit for 2018/19.

16. **Work Programme**

To consider the Audit Committee work programme.

**Exempt Appendix**

<i>Item</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Exempt Para.</i>
17.	<b>Annual Review of Risk Based Verification (RBV) Policy for Housing Benefit and Local Tax Support Assessments</b>	* 7

To consider an update on the operation of the current Risk Based Verification (RBV) Policy and seek approval for the proposed Policy for 2019/20.