



# Uttlesford District Council

Chief Executive: Peter Holt

## Audit and Standards Committee

**Date:** Tuesday, 26th March, 2024

**Time:** 7.00 pm

**Venue:** Council Chamber - Council Offices, London Road, Saffron Walden,  
CB11 4ER

**Chairman:** Councillor E Oliver

**Members:** Councillors H Asker, S Barker, G Driscoll, C Fiddy, M Foley (Vice-Chair), N Gregory, T Loveday, S Luck, D McBirnie and R Silcock

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# **AGENDA**

## **PART 1**

### **Open to Public and Press**

- 1 Apologies for Absence and Declarations of Interest**  
To receive any apologies for absences and declarations of interest.
- 2 Minutes of the previous meeting** 4 - 6  
To consider the minutes of the previous meeting.
- 3 Counter Fraud Strategy Update** 7 - 10  
To consider the Counter Fraud Strategy update for March 2024.
- 4 Internal Audit Charter, Strategy and Plan 2024/25** 11 - 32  
To consider the updated Internal Audit Charter and the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan for the 2024/25 financial year.
- 5 Constitutional Amendments to Planning Codes and Protocols - WITHDRAWN** To Follow  
To consider the report regarding constitutional amendments to planning codes and protocols.

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