

Thursday, 20 April 2023

Report of the Audit Manager

Annual Report of the Chair of Audit & Governance Committee

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

This report presents the proposed Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2022/23 for Council.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the proposed Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2022/23 be endorsed.

Executive Summary

Audit Committees are an important source of assurance about an organisations' arrangements for managing risk, maintaining an effective control environment and reporting on financial and other performance.

CIPFA recommend that Audit Committee's produce an annual report to promote the role and purpose of the Committee, account for the Committee's performance, evaluate whether the Committee is continuing to meet its terms of reference and document how Committee adds value. The Audit & Governance Committee's annual report fulfilling these requirements is set out at **Appendix 1**.

Options Considered

None.

Resource Implications

None.

Legal/Risk Implications Background

The Council is not obliged by law to appoint an Audit & Governance Committee, however, this has been done in line with good governance practice and CIPFA guidance.

Equalities Implications

None.

Environment and Sustainability Implications (including climate change)

None.

Background Information

None.

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List of Background Papers

Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police (2018), CIPFA
Audit Committee agendas, minutes and reports for the Committee year 2022/23

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2022/23