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**Annual Report of Audit & Governance Committee 2022-23****Exempt Information**

None.

**Purpose**

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

**Recommendations**

- 1. That the Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2021/22 be presented to Council.**

**Executive Summary**

Audit Committee are an important source of assurance about an organisation's 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 the 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 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**