

**Wednesday, 24 April 2024**

**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 for 2023/24 for Council.

**Recommendations**

**It is recommended that the proposed Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2023/24 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 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 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 (2022), CIPFA  
Audit Committee agendas, minutes and reports for the Committee year 2023/24.

### **Appendices**

**Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2023/24.**