

	<p>Council</p> <p>1st November 2016</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Title</p>	<p>Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2015/16</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Report of</p>	<p>Chairman of the Audit Committee</p>
<p style="text-align: right;">Wards</p>	<p>N/A</p>
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<p style="text-align: right;">Enclosures</p>	<p>Annex 1 - Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2015/16 Cover Report Appendix 1 – Audit Committee Annual Report 2015-16</p>
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Summary

The Constitution under Responsibility for Functions includes the following within the Audit Committee’s terms of reference: “The Audit Committee shall prepare a report to Full Council on an annual basis on its activity and effectiveness.”

The attached Annual Report describes how the Audit Committee met its objectives as well as detailing the work of the Committee and the outcomes it achieved for 2015-16. It was approved by the Audit Committee on 28 July 2016.

Recommendations

- 1. That Council note the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2015-16.**

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Annual Report describes the work of the Committee and the outcomes it achieved for 2015-16.

2. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is a Constitutional requirement for the Audit Committee to present an Annual Report to full Council each year.

3. ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND NOT RECOMMENDED

- 3.1 None.

4. POST DECISION IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 N/A

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.2 The Audit Committee provides the Council with independent assurance and effective challenge and, therefore, the Committee is central to the provision of effective governance that supports delivery of all corporate priorities.

5.3 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)

None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.5 Responsibility for Functions, Annex A, of the council's constitution requires that the Audit Committee "shall prepare a report to Full Council on annual basis on its activity and effectiveness".

5.6 Risk Management

- 5.6.1 None in the context of this report

5.7 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.7.1 None in the context of this report

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

- 5.8.1 N/A

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None