

	<h2>Audit Committee</h2> <h3>28<sup>th</sup> July 2016</h3>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Title</b></p>	<p><b>Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2015/2016</b></p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Report of</b></p>	<p>Chairman of the Audit Committee</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Wards</b></p>	<p>N/A</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Status</b></p>	<p>Public</p>
<p style="text-align: right;"><b>Enclosures</b></p>	<p>Appendix A – Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2015/16 including</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annex 1 –Schedule of Planned and Unplanned Work 2015 -16</li> </ul>
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<h2>Summary</h2>
<p>The Constitution under Responsibility for Functions includes the following within the Audit Committee’s terms of reference:</p> <p>“The Audit Committee shall prepare a report to Full Council on an annual basis on its activity and effectiveness.”</p> <p>The attached Annual Report describes how the Audit Committee meets its objectives as well as detailing the work of the Committee to date and the outcomes it has achieved for 2015-16.</p>

<h2>Recommendations</h2>
<p><b>1. That the Committee recommend Full Council to approve the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2015-2016 as an accurate record of the outcomes and work programme for the year.</b></p>

## **1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED**

- 1.1 The Annual Report describes the work of the Committee to date and the outcomes it has achieved for 2015-16.
- 1.2 The Committee is asked whether they wish to make any amendments and note that the report will be presented to Full Council in due course.

## **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 Once agreed by the Committee the report will be sent to the next Full Council meeting.

## **5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION**

### **5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance**

- 5.1 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.

### **5.2 Resources (Finance & Value for Money, Procurement, Staffing, IT, Property, Sustainability)**

- 5.2.1 None in the context of this report.

### **5.3 Legal and Constitutional References**

- 5.3.1 There are no legal issues in the context of this report.

- 5.3.2 The Audit Committee's terms of reference are noted in the Council's Constitution under responsibility for functions. Function 16 of the terms of references requires that the Audit Committee "shall prepare a report to Full Council on annual basis on its activity and effectiveness".

### **5.4 Risk Management**

5.4.1 None in the context of this report

**5.5 Equalities and Diversity**

5.5.1 None in the context of this report

**5.6 Consultation and Engagement**

5.6.1 N/A

**6. BACKGROUND PAPER**

None