

	<p>Council</p> <p>30 July 2019</p>
Title	Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2018 - 19
Report of	Chairman of the Audit Committee
Wards	Not Applicable
Status	Public
Urgent	No
Key	No
Enclosures	Annex 1 – Annual Report of the Audit 2018-19 Cover Report Appendix 1 – Audit Committee Annual Report 2018-19
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Summary

The Constitution under Article 7 (Committees, Forums and Working Groups) 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 2018-19. It was approved by the Audit Committee on 16 July 2019.

Officers Recommendation

That Council note and approve the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2018 - 19

1. WHY THIS REPORT IS NEEDED

- 1.1 The Annual Report describes the work of the Committee and the outcomes it achieved for 2018/19.

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 Not applicable

5. IMPLICATIONS OF DECISION

5.1 Corporate Priorities and Performance

- 5.1.1 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 Social Value

- 5.3.1 None in the context of this report.

5.4 Legal and Constitutional References

- 5.4.1 Article 7 (Committees, Forums and Working Groups) requires that the Audit Committee “shall prepare a report to Full Council on annual basis on its activity and effectiveness”.

5.5 Risk Management

- 5.5.1 None in the context of this report

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

5.6.1 None in the context of this report

5.7 Corporate Parenting

5.7.1 None in the context of this report

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

5.8.1 The Audit Committee on 16 July 2019 considered the Annual Report of the Audit Committee and referred it to Council.

5.9 Insight

5.9.1 None in the context of this report

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

6.1 None