



Audit Committee

14 July 2020

Title	Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2019-20
Report of	Chairman of the Audit Committee
Wards	N/A
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Enclosures	Appendix A – Annual Report of the Audit Committee 2019-20
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Summary

The Constitution, Article 7 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 meets its objectives as well as detailing the work of the Committee to date and the outcomes it has achieved for 2019-20.

Recommendations

1. That the Committee recommend Full Council to note and approve the Annual Report of the Audit Committee for 2019-20 as an accurate record of the outcomes and work programme for the year.

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 2019-20.
- 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

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

- 5.4.2. The Audit Committee's terms of reference are noted in the Council's Constitution, Article 7. which states 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 context of this report

5.6 Equalities and Diversity

- 5.6.1 Effective systems of audit, internal control and corporate governance provide assurance on the effective allocation of resources and quality of service provision for the benefit of the entire community to assist with compliance with the Council's duties under the 2010 Equality Act.

5.7 Corporate Parenting

- 5.7.1 None in the context of this decision

5.8 Consultation and Engagement

N/A

5.9 Insight

- 5.9.1 None in the context of this decision

6. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None