

Council

18 July 2013

Report of the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee

Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee

Summary and Background

1. This report presents to Council the recommendations of the Audit and Governance Committee in respect of their Annual Report for the extended period covering October 2011 to April 2013.
2. This report covers an extended period from October 2011 to April 2013 so includes an additional 4 meetings of the Committee. The preparation of this report was delayed from September due to the appointment of a new Chair of the Committee in June 2012 to allow sufficient time for the Chair to be able to provide adequate assurance on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee.
3. The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) has issued guidance to local authorities to help ensure that audit committees operate effectively. The Guidance recommends that audit committees should report annually on how they have discharged their responsibilities.

Annual report of the Audit and Governance Committee

4. A copy of the draft annual report of the Committee is attached at Appendix 1. A copy of the Committee's terms of reference as set out in Section 8, Part 3C of the Constitution is also attached to the report at Appendix 2, for information

Consultation

5. Consultation was not required for the production of this annual report.

Options

6. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Analysis

7. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

Council Plan

8. This report contributes to the overall effectiveness of the council's governance and assurance arrangements contributing to an 'Effective Organisation'.

Implications

9. There are no known Legal, HR and financial implications associated with the recommendation within his report.

Risk Management

10. Assurance in respect of the council's arrangements for managing risk, the maintenance of effective controls including those designed to prevent and detect fraud, and compliance with relevant legislation, may not be provided if the Audit and Governance Committee does not produce an annual report.

Recommendations

11. Having considered the information within this covering report, Council are asked to note the Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee which covers the period between October 2011 and April 2013.

Reason: To enable its presentation to Full Council, in line with requirements

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Wards Affected: List wards or tick box to indicate all

All

For further information please contact the authors of the report

Background Papers: None

Annexes: Annex A – Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee