

## **AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**2 February 2022**

Report of the Monitoring Officer

### **Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer**

#### **Summary**

It is best practice for the Monitoring Officer to prepare an annual report in respect of governance arrangements for the Council. The Annual Report supports the Council's Annual Governance Statement prepared for the Statement of Accounts. The Committee is invited to note the report which is attached as Annex One to this report. This report has now been updated via supplement annexed to the substantive report to cover the period December 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022.

#### **Background**

The Monitoring Officer is a statutory officer responsible for ensuring that the Council's governance arrangements are effective. It is best practice for the Monitoring Officer to prepare an Annual Report in respect of governance. The Annual Report supports the Council's Annual Governance Statement and provides additional assurance in respect of the overall governance framework including the ethical governance framework.

#### **Implications**

**Financial** – None directly arising from this report.

**Human Resources (HR)** – none directly arising from this report

**Equalities** – none directly arising from this report

**Legal** –none directly arising from this report

**Crime and Disorder, Information Technology and Property** - none directly arising from this report

## Recommendations

The Audit & Governance Committee is invited to note the Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer.

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**Report  
Approved**

**Date** 24 January  
2022

**Specialist Implications Officer(s):**

**Wards Affected:** *List wards or tick box to indicate all*

**All**

**For further information please contact the author of the report**

## Background Papers:

- The Council's Constitution;
- Agendas, Reports and Minutes of council and committee meetings held during the municipal year 2020-2021

## Annex:

- Annex 1 – Annual Report of the Monitoring Officer including updating supplement for the period December 2021 to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022