
AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

1 December 2021

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.

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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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