

**Council**

**17 July 2014**

Report of the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee

## **Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee**

### **Summary and Background**

1. This report from the Audit and Governance Committee asks Council to note their Annual Report for the year ending 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014.
2. 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**

3. 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 7, Part 3C of the Constitution is also attached to the report at Appendix 2, for information

### **Consultation**

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

### **Options**

5. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

### **Analysis**

6. Not relevant for the purpose of the report.

### **Council Plan**

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

## Implications

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

## Risk Management

9. 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

10. Having considered the information within this covering report, Council is asked to note the Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee for the year ending 16<sup>th</sup> April 2014.

Reason: In order to comply with the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) guidance that audit committees should report annually on how they have discharged their responsibilities.

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**Report  
Approved**

**Date** 1 July 2014

**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:**

Appendix 1 – Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee

Appendix 2 - Committee's terms of reference