

## ARTICLE 9 - THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

### 1 Composition

- 1.1 The Council will establish an Audit & Governance Committee composed of seven Councillors on a proportionate basis. The Chair of Audit & Governance Committee may not be an Executive Member.

### 2 General Role

- 2.1 The Audit & Governance Committee is charged with the overall responsibility for governance and will seek to:
- (a) ensure the probity, propriety and lawfulness of all activities and transactions effected in the name of the Council;
  - (b) promote value for money in the use of resources;
  - (c) help to raise awareness of key aspects of good governance across the organisation, including the role of audit, risk management and effective procurement;
  - (d) ensure the Council has sufficiently invested in the internal and external audit functions in accordance with legislative requirements on the Council to do so;
  - (e) protect and promote the independence and rights of both the internal and external audit functions to conduct their work and report on their findings without fear or favour;
  - (f) liaise as necessary with the Joint Standards Committee on any matter that may be of common concern to both, principally in relation to any matter arising in relation to ethics and/or conduct.