

Audit Committee – 27 September 2024

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Does this report contain any information that is exempt from publication? No		
Brief Summary This annual report summarises the activity of the Audit committee over 2023/24 and explains how the Committee has filled its designated role within the Constitution and how this work relates to its core responsibilities.		
Recommendation(s):		
1	To endorse the Audit Committee Annual report to Full Council in November 2024.	

1 Reasons for recommendations

- 1.1 One of the purposes of the Audit committee is to provide an independent and high-level focus on the adequacy of governance, risk and control arrangements, giving greater confidence to all those charged with governance that those arrangements are effective. The Annual report demonstrates how it has fulfilled its role in 2023/24 and allows Council to be assured that those arrangements are effective.

2 Background

- 2.1 The report and its appendices summarise the work undertaken by the Committee during 2023/24, shows the topics it discussed and uses its Terms of Reference to demonstrate how it met its objectives and responsibilities.
- 2.2 The report acknowledges the impact that a number of significant events have had on the focus of the work of the committee and the need for it to remain agile and responsive, but also confirms the committee's commitment to continue to push the improvement agenda moving forward.
- 2.3 The report recognises the positive contributions of councillors and colleagues in the deliberations of the Committee and the positive effect the Committee has had on the Council's governance arrangements.

3 Background papers other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

- 3.1 None

4 Published documents referred to in compiling this report

- 4.1 None