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| Report to | Audit Committee | Date | 3 rd March 2022 |
| Report of | Clerk and Director | | |
| Equality Impact Assessment | Not Required | Attached | No |
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To secure approval for the Committee's annual report on its work as part of the process of providing assurance underlying the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.
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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. Approve the Annual Report of the Committee for 2021/22 for publication subject to updates to reflect the attendance at and outcomes of this meeting being agreed by officers with the Chair.**
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3 Link to Corporate Objectives

- 3.1 This report links to the delivery of the following corporate objectives:

Effective and Transparent Governance

To uphold effective governance showing prudence and propriety at all times.

It is recognised as good practice for an Audit Committee to produce an annual report setting out how its activities have addressed the various elements of the duties of an Audit Committee during the year. This contributes to the provision of assurance as part of the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.

4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 The actions outlined in this report demonstrate the mitigations in place to address the identified risks around weaknesses in the overall governance and control framework.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 The Audit Committee has a central role in the processes for the production of the Authority's Annual Governance Statement (AGS) and a number of the functions which it performs are a key part of the provision of assurance which underlies the process of

producing the AGS. In order to provide assurance that the Committee is fully meeting its responsibilities it is good practice for an Annual Report on the Committee's work to be produced.

A draft Annual Report on the Committee's work during the 2021/22 Municipal Year is attached for approval at Appendix A. Once updated to reflect the activity undertaken at this meeting the report will be published on the Authority's website and will form part of the evidence base for the production of the Annual Governance Statement.

6 Implications

6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications:

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| Financial | None |
| Human Resources | None |
| ICT | None |
| Legal | None |
| Procurement | None |

Sarah Norman
Clerk

George Graham
Director

| Background Papers | |
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