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Report of	Head of Governance		
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1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To allow members of the Authority to consider the annual report of the Audit Committee as part of the process of gathering assurance for the production of the Annual Governance Statement.
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2 Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are recommended to:
- a. Receive and comment on the Annual Report of the Audit Committee.**
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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.

The Audit Committee fulfils an important role in overseeing the provision of assurance in relation to the security and effectiveness of the Authority's operations and it is good practice for the Committee to produce a publicly available report on its work.

4 Implications for the Corporate Risk Register

- 4.1 The actions outlined in this report directly link to the identified risks around the control environment.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 In line with the requirements of the governance standards for local authorities, the Authority maintains an Audit Committee, which meets throughout the year and received reports from both internal and external auditors and from officers in relation to its terms of reference which reflect the relevant professional standards. It is recognised good practice for the Committee to publish an annual report on its work. This is attached at Appendix A.
- 5.2 The Committee's report, together with the papers considered at meetings of the Committee, provide 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:

Financial	None directly
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection