

Subject	Audit Committee Effectiveness Review 2022/23	Status	For Publication
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Report of	Head of Governance		
Equality Impact Assessment	Not Required	Attached	No
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1. Purpose of the Report

1.1 To report the results of the Committee's review of its effectiveness in 2022/23.

2. Recommendation(s)

2.1 Members are recommended to:

- a. Agree the Effectiveness Review report at Appendix A and the recommended actions therein.**
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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 always showing prudence and propriety.

The principles of good governance and those outlined in the CIPFA Position Statement on Audit Committees 2022 require that the Audit Committee should evaluate its impact. This report contributes to this objective.

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 As part of ensuring continuous improvement, the Audit Committee undertook an effectiveness review on 2 March 2023. The review report is attached as Appendix A. This is the first effectiveness review conducted by the Audit Committee.
- 5.2 In preparation for the effectiveness review, Committee members participated in a bespoke workshop session about CIPFA’s Position Statement on Audit Committees in Local Authorities 2022, delivered by CIPFA’s Governance adviser, Diana Melville on 15 February.
- 5.3 The results of the review will be used to support planning of the Committee’s future work programme and training provision. The recommended actions arising from the review will be monitored during 2023/24 and reviewed annually going forward.

6. Implications

6.1 The proposals outlined in this report have the following implications

Financial	None
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

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Background Papers	
Document	Place of Inspection