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| Subject | Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee | Status | For Publication |
| Report to | Authority | Date | 06 June 2024 |
| Report of | Head of Governance and Corporate Services (on behalf of the Chair of the A&G Committee) | | |
| Equality Impact Assessment | Not Required | Attached | N/a |
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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 and Governance 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 and Governance 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 and Governance 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 and Governance 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:

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

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| Background Papers | |
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| Document | Place of Inspection |
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