

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2024/25</b>	<b>Status</b>	For Publication
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## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To present the Audit & Governance 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. **Review the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2024/25 as attached at Appendix A.**

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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.

- 3.2 It is recognised as good practice for an Audit and Governance Committee to produce an annual report setting out how its activities have addressed the various elements of the duties of an Audit and Governance 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 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:

Financial	None
Human Resources	None
ICT	None
Legal	None
Procurement	None

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<b>Background Papers</b>	
<b>Document</b>	<b>Place of Inspection</b>
N/a	