

**Report of the Head of Internal Audit,
Anti-Fraud and Assurance**

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 20TH SEPTEMBER 2023

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1 This brief covering report presents the Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report for 2022/23.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Committee is recommended to consider the final Annual Report 2022/23 and subsequently recommend it for Full Council on 23rd November.**

3. Background

- 3.1 The Annual Report has been prepared in accordance with recommended guidance and seeks to demonstrate the Council's commitment to operating the highest standards of governance. The report sets out the role of the Audit and Governance Committee and how it has discharged its responsibilities during 2022/23.
- 3.2 The Annual Report is fundamentally a public document and aims to provide the reader with details of the remit of the Committee and the work it has undertaken during 2022/23.
- 3.3 Subject to the Committee's approval, the Annual Report will be included as a link document in the Annual Governance Statement and will also be published as a standalone document on the Council's website.
- 3.4 The Annual Report is appended to this report.

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