

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF AUDIT COMMITTEE 2020-21**

**Report of the Corporate Director – Corporate and Support Services**

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The CIPFA best practice publication 'A Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees' recommends that an Annual Report is prepared by the Chair of the Audit Committee.
- 1.2 The aim of the report (appendix 6) is to:-
- demonstrate how the Audit Committee has fulfilled its terms of reference during the financial year and how it is fully committed to helping to improve the Council's governance and control environments during the year ahead.
  - outline how the committee's activities during the financial year are designed to make a positive contribution to the continual improvement of governance arrangements across the Council, as well as performing the statutory roles as identified in the Constitution.

**2. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of the summary report

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

'A Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees' - CIPFA.

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