

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE 2023/24

Report of the Assistant Director for Finance (Interim S151 Officer)

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 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 report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Public Sector Internal Audit Standards

Cipfa Statement on the Role of the Head of Internal Audit

Cipfa ([Position Statement](#) and [Audit Committees, Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police](#)).

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