

**ASSURANCE MAPPING 2025/26 - UPDATE**

Report of the Director of Finance (Section 151 Officer)

**1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The attached assurance map is an effective tool providing useful insights for both Corporate Leadership Team (CLT) and members of the Council's audit committee. By allowing the key decision-makers to take appropriate comfort from the assurance provided, these maps maximise the value of that assurance for the whole Stockport Council operational framework.
- 1.2 The development and use of the map ensures compliance with best practice in line with new Global Internal Audit Standards and ensures a robust approach to the audit planning process to both identify key risk areas to the Council and also the effectiveness of assurance coverage.

**2. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 Audit Committee is asked to note the contents of the 2025/26 Assurance Map.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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