

Report to Audit Committee

2024/25 Proposed Annual Report of the Audit Committee to Council

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Reason for Decision

CIPFA's Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022, states that:

To discharge its responsibilities effectively, the committee should:

- report annually on how the committee has complied with the position statement, discharged its responsibilities, and include an assessment of its performance. The report should be available to the public.***

The Council's Audit Committee is a key component of this Authority's governance framework. Its function is to provide an independent review and assurance role to support good governance and sound public financial management.

This draft report has been prepared for review by the Audit Committee in order to advise full Council of the work undertaken by the Committee in the financial year 2024/25.

Executive Summary

A summary draft report outlining the work of the committee, and the Committee's assessment of its own effectiveness is set out as Appendix 1.

Recommendation

That Committee approves the Annual Report of the Audit Committee as set out at Appendix 1 for onwards reporting to full Council.