



Report to: Audit and Governance Committee, 18th September 2019

Report of: Deputy Director - Governance

Subject: AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

1. Recommendation

1.1 That the Committee approve the Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2018/19; and

1.2 That the Annual Report be submitted to Council for information.

2. Background

2.1 The CIPFA Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees recommends that an Annual Report is prepared by the Chair of the Committee.

3. Preferred Option

3.1 The Annual Report for the 2018/19 municipal year is attached at **Appendix 1** for consideration. The Annual Report shows how the Audit and Governance Committee has successfully achieved its objectives over the last year and has thereby made a positive contribution to the Council's overall governance and control environment.

4. Alternative Options Considered

4.1 None.

5. Implications

5.1 Financial and Budgetary Implications

None.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

The preparation of an Annual Report is good practice and serves to highlight the work that the Committee has undertaken during the course of the year to achieve assurance in respect of the Council's internal control environment.

5.3 Risk Implications

None.

5.4 Corporate/Policy Implications

The Annual Report should be reported to the full Council for information.

5.5 Equality Implications

None.

5.6 Human Resources Implications
None.

5.7 Health and Safety Implications
None.

5.8 Social, Environmental and Economic Implications
None.

Ward(s): **All wards**

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Background Papers: **None.**