

Report of The City Solicitor

Report to Corporate Governance and Audit Committee

Date: 9th April 2014

Subject: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report

Are specific electoral Wards affected? If relevant, name(s) of Ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Is the decision eligible for Call-In?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Does the report contain confidential or exempt information? If relevant, Access to Information Procedure Rule number: Appendix number:	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

Summary of main issues

1. The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual report (attached at Appendix 1) has been produced to provide an overview to Members of the work the Committee has completed over the municipal year 2013/14.

Recommendations

2. The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee is recommended to approve the contents of the annual report at Appendix 1 and consider whether to refer the report to full Council for consideration.

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report provides and overview of the work completed by the Committee over the 2013/14 municipal year.

2 Background information

- 2.1 Committees appointed by full Council often produce an Annual Report summarising the committees work. This provides an opportunity for the committee to communicate, to all Members, the work of the committee and, in this case, the governance issues which have been considered during the year.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 Members are requested to consider the report in light of the work completed by the Committee during the municipal year 2013/14.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 No consultation or engagement has been undertaken in preparing this report. However by publicising the work of the Committee it is hoped that Members and the public will become more aware of the work of the Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

- 4.2.1 There are no direct implications for equality and diversity or cohesion and integration.

4.3 Council policies and City Priorities

- 4.3.1 Being open honest and trusted is one of the core values which underpin the Council's Best Council Plan. The work of the Committee directly contributes to this and provides assurance that the foundations of governance are in place to support the delivery of the best outcomes for citizens.

4.4 Resources and value for money

- 4.4.1 The report highlights the work the Committee has done in promoting value for money.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

- 4.5.1 There are no legal implications.

4.6 Risk Management

- 4.6.1 There are no implications for risk management in this report.

5 Conclusions

- 5.1 The Annual Report demonstrates the important work that the Committee has completed this year. With the support of Members and officers the Committee has been involved in ensuring that good governance arrangements are a feature of the work of the Council.

6 Recommendations

- 6.1 The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee is recommended to approve the contents of the annual report at Appendix 1 and consider whether to refer the report to full Council for consideration.

7 Background documents¹

- 7.1 None Used

¹ The background documents listed in this section are available for inspection on request for a period of four years following the date of the relevant meeting. Accordingly this list does not include documents containing exempt or confidential information, or any published works. Requests to inspect any background documents should be submitted to the report author.