



Report of the Assistant Chief Executive (Corporate Governance)

Full Council

Date: 15th July 2009

Subject: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2008/09

Electoral Wards Affected:

Ward Members consulted
(referred to in report)

Specific Implications For:

Equality and Diversity

Community Cohesion

Narrowing the Gap

1.0 Purpose Of This Report

1.1 This report presents to Full Council the 2008/09 annual report from the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee. The report is attached at appendix one.

2.0 Main Issues

2.1 Members are requested to receive the report and note the impact the Committee has had in relation to the governance arrangements of the Council.

3.0 Implications For Council Policy And Governance

3.1 Preparing an annual report and presenting this to the Full Council is consistent with best practice guidance in relation to Audit Committees and therefore strengthens the Council's position in respect of any external assessments of the Council's governance arrangements.

3.2 By producing an annual report that focuses on the impact of the Committee's work the Committee has been able to ensure that the work it undertakes during the year is relevant and effective.

4.0 Legal And Resource Implications

4.1 There are no legal or resource implications.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 Full Council is recommended to receive the Annual Report of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.

Background Documents

Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities (2005), CIPFA