

Report of City Solicitor

Report to Full Council

Date: 27th March 2019

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

1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 Best practice published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy recommends that Audit Committees produce an annual public report to demonstrate how the committee has discharged its responsibilities and for this to be reported to full Council.

2 Background information

- 2.1 This is will be the first report of this kind to full Council and follows a review of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee's arrangements against Best Practice.

3 Main issues

- 3.1 The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee will meet on the 22nd March 2019 to consider and agree the committee's annual report which is after the time of agenda dispatch for Full Council.
- 3.2 The Committee's report therefore will follow under separate cover to Members in due course. On receipt Members are requested to receive and consider the annual report reflecting the work of the committee in the 2018/19 Municipal year.

4 Corporate Considerations

4.1 Consultation and Engagement

- 4.1.1 This Annual Report has been compiled in consultation with Members of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee.

4.2 Equality and Diversity / Cohesion and Integration

4.2.1 There are no equality and diversity or cohesion and integration issues arising from this report.

4.3 Council Policies and best council plan

4.3.1 The annual report will demonstrate a balanced consideration of reports and assurances during the year that has enabled the committee to reach evidence based opinions on the council's governance arrangements.

4.4 Resources and Value for Money

4.4.1 It is in the best interests of the Council to have sound control arrangements in place to ensure effective use of resources, these should be regularly reviewed and monitored as such the work programme directly contributes to this.

4.5 Legal Implications, Access to Information and Call In

4.5.1 This report is not an executive function and is not subject to call in.

4.6 Risk Management

4.6.1 By way of the annual report the Committee will demonstrate that effective controls are in place for the management of risk at the Council.

4.6.2 The work programme developed by the Committee has been adopted on a risk based approach to the significant governance arrangements of the Council.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This is the first Annual Report of the Committee for a number of years and is for consideration by Full Council.

6 Recommendations

6.1 Members are requested to receive and consider the annual report reflecting the work of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee in the 2018/19 Municipal year.