

**Report of City Solicitor**

**Report to Full Council**

**Date: 11<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**Subject: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report**

Are specific electoral wards affected? If yes, name(s) of ward(s):	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Has consultation been carried out?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Are there implications for equality and diversity and cohesion and integration?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Will the decision be open 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 The Corporate Governance and Audit Committees has produced the attached annual public report to demonstrate how the committee has discharged its responsibilities. This is now reported to full Council Best in accordance with best practice published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy.

**2. Background information**

2.1 Not applicable

**3. Main issues**

3.1 The Annual Report of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee, attached to this report, reflects the work undertaken by the committee in the 2019/20 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 implications for this report.

## **4.3 Council policies and the Best Council Plan**

4.3.1 The annual report demonstrates 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.

4.3.2 In turn the information received has informed the committee's consideration of the Annual Governance Statement and the Council's audited accounts.

### Climate Emergency

4.3.3 There are no implications for this report.

## **4.4 Resources, procurement 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, and that these should be regularly reviewed and monitored. The work of the Committee directly contributes to this.

## **4.5 Legal implications, access to information, and call-in**

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

## **4.6 Risk management**

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

## **5. Recommendations**

5.1 Members are requested to receive and consider the annual report reflecting the work of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee in the 2019/20 municipal year.

## **6. Background documents<sup>1</sup>**

6.1 None

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<sup>1</sup> The background documents listed in this section are available to download from the council's website, unless they contain confidential or exempt information. The list of background documents does not include published works.