

## **Corporate Governance and Audit Committee**

The Corporate Governance and Audit Committee is authorised to discharge the following functions<sup>1</sup>:

1. to consider the Council's arrangements relating to accounts<sup>2</sup> including:
  - (a) the approval of the statement of accounts and any material amendment of the accounts recommended by the auditors;
  - (b) the approval of the Annual Governance Statement<sup>3</sup>; and
  - (c) with the exception of any matter, which may result in the accounts being qualified, responding to the Council's auditors in respect of any matter where it is not considered appropriate to make the amendments recommended by the auditors.
2. to consider the Council's arrangements relating to external audit requirements including:
  - (a) agreement and review of the nature and scope of the annual audit plan,
  - (b) the receipt of external audit reports so as to:
    - (i) inform the operation of Council's current or future audit arrangements; and
    - (ii) provide a basis for gaining the necessary assurance regarding governance prior to the approval of the Council's accounts.
3. to review the adequacy of policies and practices to ensure compliance with statutory and other guidance
4. to review the adequacy of the Council's Corporate Governance arrangements (including matters such as internal control and risk management)
5. to consider the Council's arrangements relating to internal audit requirements including:
  - (a) considering the Annual Internal Audit Report
  - (b) monitoring the performance of internal audit
6. to make, on behalf of the Council, and having had regard to any recommendations of Standards Committee, representations to external agencies<sup>4</sup> about any matter relating to general principles of conduct, model

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<sup>1</sup> Functions" for these purposes shall be construed in a broad and inclusive fashion and shall include the doing of anything which is calculated to facilitate or is conducive or incidental to the discharge of any of the specified functions.

<sup>2</sup> Item 45 Paragraph 1 Schedule 1 of Local Authorities (Functions and Responsibilities) (England) Regulations as amended.

<sup>3</sup> The Annual Governance Statement is Leeds City Council's Statement on Internal Control which is approved under Regulation 4(3) of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011.

<sup>4</sup> Such external agencies may include, but are not restricted to, the District or Approved Auditor, the Commission for Local Government, the Standards Board for England, an Ethical Standards Officer, the Adjudication Panel for England or an adjudication case panel

codes of conduct and the codes of conduct or protocols approved from time to time by or on behalf of the Council.