

Report Title:	Audit and Governance Committee – Annual Report 2021/22
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Member reporting:	Councillor Lynne Jones, Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee
Lead Officer:	Adele Taylor, Executive Director of Resources
Meeting and Date:	Full Council – 22 November 2022

REPORT SUMMARY

Part 2A (26) of the [council constitution](#) requires the Audit and Governance Committee to report annually to Full Council ‘in relation to the Audit and Performance of the Council.’

1. DETAILS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

RECOMMENDATION: That Full Council notes the annual report of Audit and Governance Committee.

2. CHAIRMAN’S INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 The Audit and Governance Committee was re-established in 2020/21, as recommended by the CIPFA review of Financial Governance in the Authority. It has taken over many of the functions of the Corporate Overview and Scrutiny Panel.
- 2.2 This has enabled increased Member oversight of key financial governance issues.
- 2.3 The Committee oversees the work of both the internal and external auditors. It is responsible for approving the statement of accounts. It also oversees Risk Management, Fraud and Treasury Management.
- 2.4 It met 4 times during 2021/22.

3. TOPICS CONSIDERED DURING THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2021/22

- 3.1 The 25 reports considered included:
 - Statement of Accounts and External Audit ISA260 reports
 - Annual Governance Statement and progress report
 - Internal Audit Annual Report 2020/21 and 2021/22
 - Internal Audit – new provider
 - Internal Audit in-year progress reports
 - Draft Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2022/23

- Draft Capital Strategy 2022/23-2026/27
- Council Trusts
- Risk Management Report
- Key Risk Report
- Redmond Review of External Audit
- Section 5 Waste Contract Report

4. THANKS

4.1 The Committee would like to thank the following individuals and organisations for their involvement in the Committee's work this year:

- The outgoing Chair of the Committee
- Officers from the Finance Team
- Officers from Democratic Services
- Officers from the Shared Audit and Investigation Service and SWAP
- The Council's external auditors, Deloitte

5 PROPOSED WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 2022/23

5.1 The Committee proposes to consider the following topic areas in the coming municipal year:

Topics already in progress/carried over from 2021/22:

- Internal Audit progress reports

New topics:

- Statement of Accounts 2020/21 & 2021/22 and External Audit ISA260 reports
- Draft Treasury Management Strategy and Prudential Indicators 2023/24
- Draft Capital Strategy 2023/24-2027/28

6. APPENDICES

6.1 None

REPORT HISTORY

Decision type:	Urgency item?	To follow item?
For information	No	No