

Meeting of the Council - 10th July, 2023

Report of the Audit and Standards Committee

Annual Report of the Audit and Standards Committee 2022/23

Purpose of the Report

To receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Standards Committee for 1. 2022/23.

Recommendation

2. That the report be received and noted.

Background

- 3. A Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) selfassessment completed by the Head of Audit and Risk Management on the Audit and Standards Committee identified the production of an Annual Report as best practice. The production of an annual report promotes the work completed by the Audit and Standards Committee and will also be line with the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committees.
- 4. The annual report for 2022/23 is attached to this report.

Finance

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

Law

There is no legal requirement to complete an Annual Report, but it is 6. considered best practice.

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<u>Risk Management</u>

7. The proposals contained within this report do not raise any "material" risks.

Equality Impact

- 8. This report does not raise any equality and diversity issues.
- 9. The work carried out by Audit and Standards Committee will help to protect the interests of children and young people, albeit they were not consulted on, or involved, with the development of the Annual Report.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

10. There are no human resources/organisational developments implications relating to this report.

Commercial/Procurement

11. This report does not have any commercial/procurement implications.

Environment/Climate Change

12. There are no environmental/climate change issues associated with this report.

Council Priorities and Projects

13. The work undertaken by Audit and Standards Committee helps to ensure Council priorities are achieved by ensuring the Council has an effective framework of governance, risk management and internal control.

Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee