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**Audit and Standards Committee – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2024**

**Report of the Director of Finance and Legal Services**

**Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2023-24**

**Purpose of the Report**

1. To discuss and approve the Annual Report for Audit and Standards Committee (attached as Appendix A).

**Recommendation**

2. Audit and Standards Committee to approve the Annual Report for 2023/24 for submission to Full Council.

**Background**

3. A CIPFA self-assessment completed by the Head of Audit and Risk Management Services on the Audit and Standards Committee identified the production of an Annual Report as best practice. The production of an annual report will promote the good work completed by Audit and Standards Committee and will also be line with the Council's Scrutiny Committees.
4. The annual report for 2023/24 is attached to this report.

**Finance**

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

**Law**

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

## **Risk Management**

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

## **Equality Impact**

8. This report does not raise any equal opportunities 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 direct environmental implications within this report impacting on the Council’s work to address Climate Change and achieve our Net Zero target by 2030.

## **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.



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## **List of Background Papers:**

Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report – Appendix A