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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

R E C O M M E N D A T I O N S
FROM : Chair of the Audit Committee
That Council notes the work carried out by the Audit Committee in improving the governance arrangements across the Council.

1. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1 This report refers to and contains, at **Appendix 1**, an Annual Audit Committee Report for 2015 / 2016. The Annual Report shows the Audit Committee has successfully met fulfilled its terms of reference and has helped to improve the Council's governance and control environments.

2. BACKGROUND AND CONSULTATION

- 2.1 The Audit Committee's Terms of Reference and best practice as contained in the CIPFA document "A Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees" require the Audit Committee to complete an annual report. A copy the Annual Report is attached at **Appendix 1**. It shows key information relating to the Committee, its achievements during the year and key targets going forward.
- 2.2 The report was discussed in draft at the latest Audit Committee (21 March 2016) to reflect on its business for the Municipal Year. Following its agreement, the report is presented to Council to raise the awareness of the works of the Committee in scrutinising and challenging the processes in place to govern the organisation.

3. IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 Financial implications - There are no financial implications and the preparation of the report is in line with best practice.
- 3.2 Legal implications - Good governance is wholly related to the achievement of the objectives in the Councils Plan.
- 3.3 Equalities implications – There are no direct equalities implications arising from this report.

4. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985)

- "A Toolkit for Local Authority Audit Committees", CIPFA, IPF, 2006
- Audit Committee agendas and minutes

5. APPENDICES

Appendix 1: Audit Committee Annual Report 2015/16

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