

<b>Regulatory Committee:</b>	Audit & Governance Committee
<b>Date:</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2024
<b>Chair:</b>	Cllr John Bloxsom
<b>Presenting Officer:</b>	Piyush Fatania - Head of Audit Risk Assurance (ARA) and Insurance Services
<b>Item Type:</b>	Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee 2023-24.
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	<p>The Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee (the Committee) summarises the Committee's activities during 2023-24 and sets out its plans for the next twelve months.</p> <p>This report provides independent assurance that the Council has in place:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Adequate and effective governance, risk management and internal control frameworks;</li> <li>ii. Internal and External Audit services; and</li> <li>iii. Financial reporting arrangements that can be relied upon and which contribute to the high corporate governance standards that this Council expects and maintains.</li> </ol>
<b>Recommendations or Actions Sought:</b>	<p>Audit and Governance Committee is asked to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Resolve to agree the Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2023-24; and</li> <li>ii. Recommend to Council that the Annual Report 2023-24 be approved.</li> </ol>
<b>Background Documents:</b>	<p>Audit and Governance Committee meeting papers and minutes 2023-24.</p> <p>Constitution: Audit and Governance Committee Terms of Reference.</p>
<b>Forthcoming Cabinet Decisions:</b>	None.
<b>Appendices:</b>	Appendix A – Annual Report of the Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee 2023-24.

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