


REPORT TO AUDIT AND RISK ASSURANCE COMMITTEE

17 September 2020

Subject:	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Annual Report 2019/20
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DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

That Audit and Risk Assurance Committee:

1. That the Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee be approved and presented to the next meeting of the Council.

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The report provides an opportunity for the Committee to note and reflect on its business for the previous year, prior to its submission to full Council.

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2 IMPLICATIONS FOR SANDWELL'S VISION

- 2.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee is a key component of the council's governance framework.

3 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

- 3.1 The report summarises the main areas of work undertaken by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee during 2019/20.

4 THE CURRENT POSITION

- 4.1 The report does not require a decision and therefore, no position analysis is necessary.

5 CONSULTATION (CUSTOMERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS)

- 5.1 The report has been discussed with the relevant stakeholders and reported to the respective Director.

6 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 6.1 The report does not require a decision and therefore, alternative options do not need to be considered.

7 STRATEGIC RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no direct financial and resource implications arising from this report.

8 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 The council is not obliged by law to appoint an Audit Committee, but this course of action has been taken in line with guidance from CIPFA.

9 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 9.1 It was not necessary to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment.

10 DATA PROTECTION IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 10.1 It was not necessary to undertake a Data Protection Impact Assessment. Data gathered during audit reviews is used and retained in accordance with current legislative requirements.

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11 CRIME AND DISORDER AND RISK ASSESSMENT

11.1 There are no direct risk implications arising from this report.

12 SUSTAINABILITY OF PROPOSALS

12.1 There are no direct sustainability issues arising from this report.

13 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS (INCLUDING SOCIAL VALUE)

13.1 There are no direct health and wellbeing implications from this report.

14 IMPACT ON ANY COUNCIL MANAGED PROPERTY OR LAND

14.1 There is no direct impact on any council managed property or land from this report.

15 CONCLUSIONS AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

15.1 The purpose of the report is to inform the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee on the work undertaken by the committee during 2017/18. As such, no decision is required.

16 BACKGROUND PAPERS

16.1 None.

17 APPENDICES:

None.

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