

# Report to Council

**8 November 2022**

<b>Subject:</b>	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Annual Report 2021/22
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## 1 Recommendation

- 1.1 That the Annual Report of the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee be received.

## 2 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 The report summarises the main areas of work undertaken by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee during 2021/22.

## 3 How does this deliver objectives of the Corporate Plan?

- 3.1 The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee is a key component of the Council's governance, risk management and internal control framework.

## 4 Context and Key Issues

- 4.1 The report summarises the main areas of work undertaken by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee during 2021/22.



## 5 Alternative Options

- 5.1 The purpose of the report is to summarise the main areas of work undertaken by the Audit and Risk Assurance Committee during 2021/22. As such, there is no alternative option.

## 6 Implications

<b>Resources:</b>	There are no direct resource implications arising from this report.
<b>Legal and Governance:</b>	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.
<b>Risk:</b>	The Audit and Risk Assurance Committee is a key component of the council's risk management framework.
<b>Equality:</b>	It was not necessary to undertake an Equality Impact Assessment.
<b>Health and Wellbeing:</b>	There are no direct health and wellbeing implications from this report.
<b>Social Value</b>	There are no direct social value implications from this report.
<b>Climate Change</b>	There are no climate change implications arising from this report.

## 7. Appendices

- 7.1 Appendix 1 - Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Annual Report 2021/22

