

# Report to Audit and Risk Assurance Committee

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<b>Subject:</b>	Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Annual Report 2020/21
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## 1 Recommendation

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

## 2 Reasons for Recommendation

- 2.1 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.



### 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 2020/21.

### 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 2020/21. 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.

### 7. Appendices

7.1 There are no appendices.



## 8. Background Papers

### 8.1 Audit and Risk Assurance Committee Annual Report 2020/21

