



Name of meeting: Council (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)

Date: 18 October 2023

Title of report: Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report

Purpose of report: This report provides an assurance that the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee has discharged its duty in ensuring that the Committee complies with the CIPFA’s Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £500k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards? Decisions having a particularly significant effect on a single ward may also be treated as if they were key decisions.	Not Applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council’s Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports)?</u>	Key Decision – No Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable This does not require an executive decision.
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	For information only No financial implications – for information only Julie Muscroft – 19 Sept 23
Cabinet member <u>portfolio</u>	Cllr Paul Davies

Electoral wards affected: Not Applicable

Ward councillors consulted: Not Applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? There are no GDPR Implications

1. Summary

This report sets out the draft annual report of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for the 2022/23 municipal year.

2. Information required to take a decision

In accordance with best practice published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA), this report demonstrates how the Committee has discharged its responsibility.

The report demonstrates how the Committee supports the Council's governance arrangements, and in doing so supports the Council's vision to be a district which combines a strong sustainable economy with a great quality of life – leading to thriving communities, growing businesses, high prosperity and low inequality where people enjoy better health throughout their lives.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Working with People

Not applicable.

3.2 Working with Partners

Not applicable.

3.3 Place Based Working

Not applicable.

3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

Not applicable.

3.5 Improving outcomes for children

Not applicable.

3.6 Financial Implications for the people living or working in Kirklees

Not applicable.

3.7 Other (e.g. Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA)/Legal/Financial or Human Resources) Consultees and their opinions

Not Applicable

4. Consultation

Not applicable.

5. Engagement

Not applicable.

6. Next steps and timelines

Not applicable.

7. Officer recommendations and reasons

Council is requested to note the assurances set out in this report that the Committee complies with CIPFA's Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police.

8. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

Not applicable.

9. Contact officer

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10. Background Papers and History of Decisions

None.

11. Service Director responsible

Julie Muscroft, Service Director – Legal Governance and Commissioning