

Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report (Reference from Corporate Governance and Audit Committee)

Meeting:	Council
Date:	17th September 2025
Cabinet Member (if applicable)	Cllr Nosheen Dad
Key Decision Eligible for Call In	N/A
<p>Purpose of Report: This report sets out a summary of the work undertaken by the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee during 2024/25. It also provides assurance that the Committee complies with the CIPFA's Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police.</p>	
<p>Recommendation: That Council notes the assurances set out in this report that the Committee complies with CIPFA's Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police;</p> <p>Reasons for Recommendation 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.</p>	
<p>Resource Implications: There are no resource implications.</p>	
<p>Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name</p> <p>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?</p> <p>Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?</p>	<p>Rachel Spencer-Henshall</p> <p>N/A</p> <p>Samantha Lawton</p>

Electoral wards affected: Not Applicable

Ward councillors consulted: Not Applicable

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? There are no GDPR implications

1. Executive Summary

This report sets out the draft annual report of the Corporate Governance and Audit Committee for the 2024/25 municipal year

2. Information required to take a decision

The report demonstrates how the Committee supports the Council's governance and audit arrangements, and in doing so supports the Council to deliver the vision and priorities set out in the Council Plan.

3. Implications for the Council

3.1 Council Plan

Strong, effective corporate governance and audit assurance underpins the work of the Council in delivering all of its priorities outlined in the Council Plan.

3.2 Financial Implications

Not applicable.

3.3 Legal Implications

Not applicable.

3.4 Other (eg Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)

Not applicable.

4. Consultation

Not applicable.

5. Engagement

Not applicable.

6. Options

Not applicable.

6.1 Options considered

Not applicable.

6.2 Reasons for recommended option

Not applicable.

7. Next steps and timelines

Not applicable.

8. Contact officer

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9. Background Papers and History of Decisions

None

10. Appendices

Appendix A Corporate Governance and Audit Committee Activity – 2024-25

11. Service Director responsible

Samantha Lawton – Service Director – Legal, Governance and Commissioning.