

COUNCIL MEETING – 15 OCTOBER 2025

RECOMMENDATION FROM AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE: ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2024-25

Recommendation:

That full Council receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2024-25.

Link to the to the Audit and Governance Committee Report:
[Audit and Governance Committee 29 Sep 2025 - Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee](#)

Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Audit and Governance Committee held on 29 September 2025

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The committee considered the Annual Report which summarised the work of the committee during the 2024/25 municipal year. The report outlined how the committee had discharged its responsibilities in accordance with its Terms of Reference set out within the Council's Constitution, providing independent assurance on the Council's governance, risk management, and control frameworks. Key areas of focus included oversight of internal and external audit processes, financial reporting, standards arrangements, and the Annual Governance Statement.

Members acknowledged the breadth of work undertaken and the positive impact of the Committee's assurance functions. It was agreed that the page number to the Terms of Reference for the committee would be included alongside a link to the Council Constitution.

It was suggested that further detail regarding Member Training and Development should be included within the report. It was noted that work was underway to review the Member Training and Development Plan, as approved by A&G in July 2025 following the decision of Full Council to move to a Cabinet/Leader form of governance which would be reviewed by the Audit and Governance Committee. The role of the Audit and Governance Committee would be reviewed as the Council transitioned to its new form of governance.

RESOLVED (unanimously):

That the Audit and Governance Committee

1. Note the draft Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2024/25 and agree the final version which will be presented at the October 2025 meeting of Council.