

Audit Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	15th October 2025
Report Title	Audit Committee Annual Report 2024/25
EMT Lead	Lisa Fillery – Director of Resources
Head of Service	Katherine Woodward –Head of Audit Partnership
Lead Officer	Katherine Woodward –Head of Audit Partnership
Classification	Open
Recommendations	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. That the Audit Committee Annual Report for 2024/25 (appendix I) is agreed. 2. That the Chairman of the Audit Committee presents the report to a meeting of Full Council to demonstrate how the Committee has discharged its duties.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 The report details how the Audit Committee effectively fulfilled its duties during 2024/25. This report provides assurance to the Council that the Committee has monitored and addressed issues of governance, risk management and internal control throughout the year.

2 Background

- 2.1 The Audit Committee is required to monitor internal and external audit activity, review and comment on the effectiveness of the Council's governance framework and review and approve the Council's annual statement of accounts.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 To agree the Audit Committee Annual Report as attached in Appendix I.
- 3.2 To agree the inclusion of the CIPFA checklist to support the committee in demonstrating how it fulfils its duties.
- 3.3 That the Chairman of the Audit Committee presents the report to a meeting of the Full Council setting out how the Committee has discharged its duties.

4 Alternative Options

- 4.1 The production and presentation of an annual report is required by this Committee's terms of reference. Therefore, no other alternative could be recommended.

5 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 5.1 The draft report was sent to the Chairman of the Audit Committee for consultation prior to submission for this meeting.

6 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	None identified at this stage.
Financial, Resource and Property	The role of the Audit Committee includes the review of the financial reports for the Council, including the approval of the Annual Statement of Accounts.
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	None identified at this stage.
Crime and Disorder	None identified at this stage.
Environment and Climate/Ecological Emergency	None identified at this stage.
Health and Wellbeing	None identified at this stage.
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	None identified at this stage.
Risk Management and Health and Safety	The role of the Audit Committee requires it to consider the effectiveness of the Council's risk management arrangements.
Equality and Diversity	None identified at this stage.
Privacy and Data Protection	None identified at this stage.

7 Appendices

- 7.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:
- Appendix I: Audit Committee Annual Report 2024-25

8 Background Papers

- 8.1 None