

# Full Council

26 July 2017

Is the final decision on the recommendations in this report to be made at this meeting?

Yes

## Audit and Governance Committee – Annual Report 2016/17

<b>Final Decision-Maker</b>	Full Council
<b>Portfolio Holder(s)</b>	Councillor David Reilly – Portfolio Holder for Finance and Governance
<b>Lead Director</b>	Lee Colyer – Director of Finance, Policy and Development (S151 Officer)
<b>Head of Service</b>	Rich Clarke – Head of Audit Partnership
<b>Lead Officer/Author</b>	Frankie Smith – Audit Manager
<b>Classification</b>	Non-exempt
<b>Wards affected</b>	All

### This report makes the following recommendations to the final decision-maker:

1. That the Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2016/17 be noted.

### This report relates to the following Five Year Plan Key Objectives:

- A Prosperous Borough
- A Green Borough
- A Confident Borough

This report is concerned with the internal control and governance of the Council. Successful controls and effective governance are a crucial underpinning for all corporate priorities.

### Timetable

<b>Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Audit and Governance Committee	27 June 2017
Full Council	26 July 2017

# **Audit & Governance Committee Annual Report 2016/17**

## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The report outlines how the Audit and Governance Committee has effectively discharged its duties during 2016/17. The report provides assurance to the Council that important internal control, governance and risk management issues are being monitored and addressed by the Committee. The report seeks to provide additional assurance to support the Annual Governance Statement.
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## **2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Audit Committee is required to monitor audit activity (internal and external), review and comment on the effectiveness of the Council's regulatory framework and review and approve the Council's annual statements of accounts and scrutinise associated strategy and policy. This reports sets out how this has been achieved during 2016/17.
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## **3. AVAILABLE OPTIONS**

- 3.1 The production and presentation of an annual report is required by the Committee's terms of reference. Therefore no other alternative could be recommended.
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## **4. PREFERRED OPTION AND REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1 The production and presentation of an annual report is required by the Committee's terms of reference.
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## **5. CONSULTATION RESULTS AND PREVIOUS COMMITTEE FEEDBACK**

- 5.1 At their meeting held on 27 June 2017, the Audit and Governance Committee agreed that the Annual Report – as attached at Appendix A – be presented to a meeting of the Full Council, to demonstrate how the Committee has discharged its duties.
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## 6. CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES AND IMPLICATIONS

Issue	Implications	Sign-off
Legal including Human Rights Act	No implications	Frankie Smith Audit Manager 7 June 2017
Finance and other resources	The role of the Audit & Governance Committee includes the review of the financial reports for the Council, including the approval of the Annual Statement of Accounts.	
Staffing establishment	No implications	
Risk management	The role of the Audit & Governance Committee requires it to consider the effectiveness of the Council's risk management arrangements.	
Environment and sustainability	No implications	
Community safety	No implications	
Health and Safety	No implications	
Health and wellbeing	No implications	
Equalities	No implications	

## 7. REPORT APPENDICES

The following documents are to be published with and form part of the report:

- Appendix A: Audit & Governance Annual Report 2016/17

## 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

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