

## Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	12 <sup>th</sup> September 2013	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Annual Report – Corporate Audit Committee	
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<b>Appendix 1 – Annual Report</b>		

### **1 THE ISSUE**

1.1 The Corporate Audit Committee has specific delegated powers given to it from Full Council and as such is required to report back annually to Council under its Terms of Reference.

1.2 This is the Annual Report of the Committee which details its work over the last year.

### **2 RECOMMENDATION**

Council is asked to agree that:

2.1 The Annual Report of the Corporate Audit Committee is noted

### **3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 There are no direct financial implications relevant to this report

### **4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

4.1 Completion of the Corporate Audit Committee's work assists the organisation in efficiently and effectively contributing to the Council's priorities.

## **5 THE REPORT**

- 5.1 Appendix 1 details the eighth annual report of the Corporate Audit Committee since it was established by the Council on 12 May 2005. It reviews the work done by the Committee over the past 12 months, its future workplan, membership and support of the Committee.
- 5.2 The Committee's work has continued to develop as detailed at Appendix 1 and as part of its responsibilities it has reviewed its terms of reference and the key areas of responsibility are still considered appropriate and meet current best practice.
- 5.3 Final proposals to replace the Audit Commission and fundamentally change the external audit regime were published during the last twelve months following several periods of consultation. As a result of these changes Grant Thornton commenced a new five year contract as the Council's new External Auditor and will be formally reporting on its first audit of the Council's Accounts at the end of September.
- 5.4 The Audit Committee will continue to monitor the implications of the changes to the public audit regime and the performance of the new external auditor.

## **6 RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 A proportionate risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations has been undertaken, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.
- 6.2 The Corporate Audit Committee has specific responsibility for ensuring the Council's Risk Management and Financial Governance framework is robust and effective.

## **7 EQUALITIES**

- 7.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment has been carried out using corporate guidelines and no significant issues have been identified.

## **8 CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The report was distributed to the Chief Executive, Council's Monitoring Officer, S151 Officer and Chair of the Audit Committee for consultation.

## **9 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION**

- 9.1 No specific issues to consider.

## 10 ADVICE SOUGHT

10.1 The Council's Chief Executive, Monitoring Officer (Council Solicitor) and Section 151 Officer have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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<b>Background papers</b>	<i>None</i>
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