

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Corporate Audit Committee	
MEETING DATE:	30 th July 2019	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Annual Report – Corporate Audit Committee	
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Appendix 1 – Example Annual Report – 2017/18		

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 As this is a new Committee following the elections we are recommending delegating completion of the review to aid the process. A copy of last years report is attached for information.

2 RECOMMENDATION

Committee is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The Annual Report can be delegated to the Chair of the Committee to endorse and agree before issue to full Council at its November meeting.

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 As almost the whole Committee has changed following local elections in May it is recommended that the report is drafted by the Service Director – One West and agreed with the new Chair of the Committee before presentation at full Council. Appendix 1 details last years report as an example of the 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 work plan, membership and support of the Committee.
- 5.2 The Committee’s work will continue to develop as detailed 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 Whilst the Committee’s work in 2019/20 will be broadly similar to the year recently ended it will keep under close review a number of key issues including the financial resilience of the organisation through its framework for managing risk and governance.

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 Council’s 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 Section 151 Officer have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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