

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Corporate Audit Committee	
MEETING DATE:	30 th July 2020	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Annual Report – Corporate Audit Committee	
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Appendix 1 – Annual Report – 2019/20		

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 report provides a draft version of the Annual Report (Appendix 1) and details the arrangements for the production and submission of the annual report for 2019/20.

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 September or November 2020 meeting.
- 2.2 The current terms of reference of the Committee are appropriate and no changes are proposed.

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 The Audit Committee is required to provide an annual report of its work to Full Council and a draft version has been compiled (Appendix 1). 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 In 2019/20 the number of Committee meetings was impacted by the May 2019 elections and changes in the Council administration. The impact of Covid19 has had a similar impact as the scheduled 28th April 2020 meeting had to be cancelled. The Committee's work in 2020/21 will be broadly similar to last year and it will keep under close review the financial resilience of the organisation through its powers and duties as set out in its Terms of Reference
- 5.3 The Committee's work will continue to develop 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.

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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