

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	12 th November 2020	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Annual Report – Corporate Audit Committee	
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Appendix 1 – Annual Report		

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 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Appendix 1 details the fifteenth 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 12 months period (July 2019 to July 2020), its future work plan, membership and support of the Committee.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 Covid19 and the response required since March 2020 had an initial impact on the Committee scheduled meetings however the Committee's work in 2020/21 will be broadly similar to the previous year and 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.
- 3.4 The Committee also formally acknowledged the support of Officers given to the Committee and the performance of teams providing positive assurance to the Council's governance arrangements.

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

4.1 There are no specific statutory considerations related to this report. As stated in the issue section of this report the Corporate Audit Committee is required to report back to Council annually.

5 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCE, PROPERTY, PEOPLE)

5.1 There are no direct resource implications relevant to this report.

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 CLIMATE CHANGE

8.1 There are no direct climate change implications related to this report.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

9.1 No other options to consider related to this report.

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 The Council's 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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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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