

Bath & North East Somerset Council			
MEETING:	Corporate Audit Committee		
MEETING DATE:	14 th July 2022	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER	
TITLE:	Annual Report – Corporate Audit Committee		
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List of attachments to this report:			
Appendix 1 – Annual Report 2021/22			
Appendix 2 – Corporate Audit Committee Terms of Reference (July 2022)			

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.

2 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 The Corporate Audit Committee is asked to agree the Annual Report (Appendix 1) and request that the Chair of the Committee present it to Council (15th September 2022).

2.2 The Corporate Audit Committee should request that the revised Committee Terms of Reference (Appendix 2) is approved by Council (15th September 2022)

3 THE REPORT

3.1 Following the presentation of the Internal Audit Update Report at the 23rd September 2021 meeting of the Committee it was resolved that the Head of Audit & Assurance would liaise with the Committee Chair before the Committee's Annual report 2020/21 was submitted to Council. After consultation with the Chair a report went to the 15th February 2022 meeting of Full Council which covered the extended period of work of the Committee up to and including December 2021.

- 3.2 At the Council meeting on 15th February 2022 it was resolved that the Annual Report (2020/21) of the Corporate Audit Committee be noted.
- 3.3 The Committee's Terms of Reference have been reviewed. The key areas of responsibility are still considered appropriate and in line with best practice, however, the attached revised Terms of Reference (Appendix 2) provides examples of other matters relating to corporate governance which are properly referred to the Committee or which come to its attention, i.e. the procurement of External Audit Services, monitoring the governance of Council owned companies (Aequus Developments Ltd and Aequus Construction Ltd).

4 STATUTORY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific statutory considerations related to this report.

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 Section 151 Officer has had the opportunity to input to this report and has cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	
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