

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	21 st September 2023	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	Annual Report – Corporate Audit Committee	
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AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report:		
Appendix 1 – Annual Report		
Appendix 2 – Terms of Reference Corporate Audit Committee (revised version July 2023)		

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 on its work to Council under its Terms of Reference.
- 1.2 The Corporate Audit Committee 2022/2023 Annual Report (**Appendix 1**) details the work carried out by the Committee for the period April 2022 to March 2023.

2 RECOMMENDATION

Council is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The Annual Report of the Corporate Audit Committee is noted.
- 2.2 The revised Corporate Audit Committee Terms of Reference are approved.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 **Appendix 1** details the eighteenth 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 (April 2022 to March 2023), its future work plan, membership, and support of the Committee.
- 3.2 The Committee meeting agendas have focussed on its core role and responsibilities as per the Committee Terms of Reference.
- 3.3 The Terms of Reference have been reviewed and it has been concluded that the version approved by Council in October 2022 requires minor changes (highlighted by red text) related to the work of the Council's External Auditor (**Appendix 2**).

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 report was distributed to the Council's S151 Officer and Chair of the Audit Committee for consultation.

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Background papers	<i>None</i>
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