

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Council	
MEETING DATE:	20 th November 2025	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
TITLE:	2024/25 Annual Report – Audit Committee	
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Appendix 1 – Audit Committee Annual Report 2024/25		

1 THE ISSUE

- 1.1 The 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 existing Terms of Reference.
- 1.2 The Audit Committee 2024/25 Annual Report (Appendix 1) details the work carried out by the Committee for the period April 2023 to May 2024.

2 RECOMMENDATION

Council is asked to agree that:

- 2.1 The Annual Report of the Audit Committee is noted, and Council confirm that it has received ‘assurance’ that the Committee are fulfilling the responsibilities as stated in the Committee’s Terms of Reference.

3 THE REPORT

- 3.1 Appendix 1 details the report of the Audit Committee recording: the work carried out by the Committee over the period April 2024 to May 2025; the Committee’s future work plan and membership of the Committee.
- 3.2 The Committee meeting agendas have focussed on its core role and responsibilities as per the Committee’s existing Terms of Reference which can be found in the background papers.
- 3.3 The Chair of the Committee will present the key issues within the report at full Council.

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 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 Audit Committee has specific responsibility for ensuring the Council's Risk Management and 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 This was a review against existing terms of reference of the Committee and CIPFA best practice there are no other practical 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>2024/25 Corporate Audit Committee Annual Report to Council – November 2024</i>
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