

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**4 February 2022**

**REVIEW OF THE REMIT AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

**Joint Report of the Chair and Executive Director of Corporate Services**

**1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to present the outcome of a review of the remit and effectiveness of the Audit and Governance Committee for discussion, amendment and agreement of members of the Committee.

**2. Background**

- 2.1 The first review of the remit and effectiveness of the Committee took place in 2009 when it was decided that the review would be undertaken every three years in line with good practice.
- 2.2 The format of the review has included an update of the previous self-assessment, based on CIPFA guidance issued in 2018, which is still current, a review of the Terms of Reference for the Committee and consideration of the Annual Reports on the Work of the Committee which have been prepared in the last three years. The review has been undertaken by the Chair and the Executive Director of Corporate Services and the results are presented to the Committee for discussion, amendment and agreement.

**3. Self Assessment**

- 3.1 The self assessment has been updated and is attached at Appendix 1. Members will see from the self-assessment that it is considered that the Council's arrangements comply with all of the CIPFA guidance. The only proposed action is that Council be reminded of the Terms of Reference for the Committee (attached at Appendix 2), as part of the Annual Report on the work of the Committee for 2021/22. There are no suggested changes to the Terms of Reference itself.
- 3.2 The self-assessment refers to the Annual Reports on the Work of the Audit and Governance Committee which show how the CIPFA guidance is being complied with. The reports are considered by the Committee and then presented to Council to demonstrate the impact of the Committee's work.

#### **4. Recommendation**

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to consider, comment upon and agree the self-assessment at Appendix 1.