

## **Meeting of the Council – 12<sup>th</sup> July, 2021**

### **Report of the Audit and Standards Committee**

### **Annual Report of the Audit and Standards Committee**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To receive the Annual Report of the Audit and Standards Committee for 2020/21.

#### **Recommendation**

2. That the Annual Report of the Audit and Standards Committee for 2020/21 be received and noted.

#### **Background**

3. On 21<sup>st</sup> April, 2021, the Audit and Standards Committee received its annual report for 2020/21. The Head of Audit Services had previously completed a Chartered institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) self-assessment in respect of the Audit and Standards Committee. This identified the production of an Annual Report as best practice to promote the work completed by the Committee and ensure consistency with the production of Annual Reports by the Council's Scrutiny Committees.
4. The annual report of the Audit and Standards Committee for 2020/21 is set out in the Appendix.

#### **Finance**

5. There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

#### **Law**

6. There is no legal requirement to complete an Annual Report, but it is considered best practice.

## **Risk Management**

7. The Audit and Standards Committee plays a key role in overseeing the Council's Risk Management Framework.

## **Equality Impact**

8. The Council's commitment to equality and diversity is reflected in the Council's governance arrangements. The work carried out by Audit and Standards Committee will help to protect the interests of children and young people, albeit they were not consulted on, or involved, with the development of the Annual Report.

## **Human Resources/Organisational Development**

9. There are no human resources/organisational development implications.

## **Commercial/Procurement**

10. There are no commercial/procurement implications.

## **Council Priorities**

11. The Audit and Standards Committee is an integral part of the Council's governance arrangements, which underpin the delivery of key Council priorities including the Borough Vision, Council Plan and Future Council Programme.



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**Chair of the Audit and Standards Committee**