

Annual Report of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee

Report by the Chairman of the Committee, Councillor Anthony Hedley

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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 The Audit, Governance and Standards Committee has delegated authority to oversee internal and external audit work and lead on member standards work.
- 1.2 In March 2020 the Committee, working with an external facilitator undertook a review of its own effectiveness. One of the proposals which emerged from the review was that it would be helpful to produce an annual report to council, highlighting the work of the Committee during the previous municipal year.
- 1.3 This is the first such report. It should be noted that in addition, a national report known as the Redmond Review has also recommended that an annual report is submitted to a meeting of the Full Council by the external auditor. The audit of the 2019/20 accounts has been delayed by the pandemic and we do not yet have a report from the external auditors but one will be presented to the full Council as soon as it is available. The full Redmond Review which makes these recommendations is published here:

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/916217/Redmond_Review.pdf
- 1.4 Together these measures will raise the profile of audit work in the Council and ensure that the auditor has an opportunity to raise any issues with the full council directly.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Annual Report of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee for 2019/20 be received.