

Report of the Chairman on the Work of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee held a meeting on 25 July 2019 and considered the following items of business.

1. Corporate Risk Management

The Committee noted and accepted the quarterly update on the Corporate Risk Register, and recommended it to Cabinet for approval subject to the following:

- Their serious concerns regarding the procurement risk being voiced to the Chief Executive and Head of Corporate Governance
- Information on the newly created environmental risk being provided to the Internal Audit Manager to assist in identifying if any further risk mitigating actions are required
- Recording their dissatisfaction at the failure of accountable officers to provide information within the required timeframe.

2. Annual Internal Audit Work Summary 2018/19

The Committee considered and noted the Internal Audit Annual Work Summary which sets out the independent audit opinion for the financial year 2018/19 on the Council's internal control environment, risk management and governance arrangements.

The Committee recommended compliance with the procurement aspect of the Local Government Transparency Code.

3. Review of Internal Audit Charter

The Committee resolved to approve the Internal Audit Charter

4. Annual Governance Statement

The Committee approved the draft Annual Governance Statement and endorsed the improvement actions identified in the Statement.

5. Update from BDO

The external Auditors provided an update on the planned external audit of the Council's accounts for the year ended 31 March, which had been affected by the ongoing delay in KPMG finalising the value for money opinion for 2017/18.

6. Committee Work Programme

The Committee approved its Work Programme for the 2019-2020 Municipal year.