

## **Report of the Chairman on the work of the Audit Committee**

The Audit Committee held a meeting on 24 November 2022 and the main items of business considered were as follows:

### **1. Review of the Internal Audit Charter**

- 1.1 The Committee approved the Internal Audit Charter, which is a requirement for public bodies in accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

### **2. Corporate Risk Management**

- 2.1 The Committee noted the significant strategic risks and issues highlighted in the Corporate Risk Management report and accompanying Corporate Risk Register.
- 2.2 The Committee recommended the report to Corporate Policy and Resources Committee for approval.

### **3. The Council's Risk Exposure to Wider Externalities and Impact**

- 3.1 The Committee noted a report on the Council's exposure to wider externalities impacting the delivery of the Council's corporate priorities.

### **4. Interim Internal Audit Report**

- 4.1 The Committee noted a report which summarised the work undertaken by Internal Audit during the period April to October 2022.

### **5. Confidential Reporting Code**

- 5.1 The Committee agreed to retain the current whistleblowing policy, which had undergone a review by the Monitoring Officer.

### **6. Appointment of Independent Person to Audit Committee**

- 6.1 The Committee noted an update on the recruitment of an Independent Person to the Audit Committee, which was progressing to open recruitment.

### **7. Audit Committee Training Needs**

- 7.1 The Committee noted the need for external training for Committee members as well as Audit related training for all Councillors.

**Councillor Helen Harvey**

*Chairman of the Audit Committee*

**8 December 2022**