

Report to	Corporate Governance & Audit Committee
Date of meeting	18 November 2020
Lead Member / Officer	Barry Mellor, Chair of Corporate Governance and Audit Committee/ Gary Williams, Head of Legal, HR and Democratic Services
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Title	Annual Report of Corporate Governance Committee

1. What is the report about?

This report is about the annual report of the Committee to Council.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

To seek Members' approval of a draft report to be submitted to Council in respect of the Committee's work for the municipal year 2019/2020

3. What are the Recommendations?

That the Committee consider the draft report attached as Appendix 1 and approve its submission to Council subject to any amendments suggested and agreed by Members.

4. Report details

The Constitution requires that the Committee prepares and submits a report each year to the Council on the Committee's performance and effectiveness.

The draft report attached seeks to set out the main issues that the Committee has considered during the Municipal Year 2019/20 and the recommendations made by the Committee.

The draft report explains the role of the Committee, the standing items that it considers, and some of the important issues that it has considered during this period.

Members are asked to consider whether the content of the report reflects the work of the Committee and make any suggestions to improve the style and content of the report.

5. How does the decision contribute to the Corporate Priorities?

The Committee's work in scrutinising the Council's financial affairs, risk management and corporate governance controls assists the Council in delivering the Corporate Priorities.

6. What will it cost and how will it affect other services?

There are no direct costs associated with this report.

7. What are the main conclusions of the Well-being Impact Assessment?

An impact assessment is not required for this report

8. What consultations have been carried out with Scrutiny and others?

This report is seeking Members' views on the content of the Annual report. No other consultation is required.

9. Chief Finance Officer Statement

The Committee is a key part of the Council's governance arrangements. Effective scrutiny of significant financial processes, systems and transactions is a vital element of internal control and provides a level of assurance to the wider Council and other stake holders.

10. What risks are there and is there anything we can do to reduce them?

The risk of not having an effective Corporate Governance and Audit Committee is that there is no oversight of the Council's corporate governance which is a key component of good performance. Weak corporate governance can contribute to failures in service delivery.

11. Power to make the decision

Section 13 Council Constitution