

Report To: Corporate Governance Committee

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Title: Corporate Governance Committee Self-assessment

1. What is the report about?

This report accompanies the Head of Internal Audit's presentation of a self-assessment of the Corporate Governance Committee's knowledge, skills and experience to carry out its role effectively.

2. What is the reason for making this report?

It is recommended practice that local authority 'audit committees' carry out a self-assessment on an annual basis and identify any weaknesses and training and development needs. This is part of the Council's Corporate Governance Framework to make sure that it has an effective 'audit committee'.

The Head of Internal Audit's attempt to carry out the self-assessment by questionnaire was not a success; therefore, the presentation will cover the key requirements of an effective 'audit committee' and identify areas for an improvement action plan where necessary.

3. What are the Recommendations?

The Committee considers its skills, knowledge and experience in the key areas covered by the presentation and identifies any training and development needs to enable it to carry out its role effectively.