

## ***Report to the Council***

**Committee:**           **Audit & Governance**

**Date:** 30 July 2020

**Subject:**           **Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee 2019/20.**

**Chairman:**         **Councillor I Hadley**

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**Recommending:**

**(1) That the Annual Report of the Audit & Governance Committee for 2019/20 be noted.**

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1. The Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee outlines the Committee's work and achievements over the year ending 31 March 2020. The Annual Report demonstrates to residents and other stakeholders the vital role that is carried out by the Audit and Governance Committee and the contribution that it makes to the Council's overall governance arrangements.

2. The effective operation of the Audit and Governance Committee forms a key element of the Council's assurance framework. By fulfilling its responsibilities as detailed in its annual report, the Audit Committee helps the Council to maintain a high standard of corporate governance. There is no legal or constitutional requirement for the Committee to report to the Council on its work, however, it is considered good practice to do so.

3. The Annual Report is attached as an Appendix to this report, and we recommend as set out at the commencement of this report.