

COUNCIL 26th JULY 2023**Audit Committee 30th May 2023****5 2022/23 AUDIT COMMITTEE DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT**

The Chair presented the Draft 2022/23 Audit Committee Annual Report attached at Appendix 1 for consideration. The Audit Committee Annual Report set out the work undertaken and performance of the Committee during the year. The Committee presented an annual report to the Council on the work that it had undertaken each year.

If after considering the draft report the Committee wished to make any changes it was proposed that the Chair be given authority to agree any amendments. The report would then be presented to Council in July 2023 and it would also be uploaded onto the Council's website once it had been approved.

Members discussed the Terms of Reference which had been updated to allow for a private meeting of the Committee Members and internal and external auditors. Members also requested that the Committee's terms of reference that were agreed at the February 2023 meeting should be included in the report at Appendix B. Members also discussed the Membership of the Committee on page 23 of the report, which was factually correct, but in context there was a decision previously to establish the Committee with membership of the Leader and Deputy Leader of the three main political groups. It was stressed that it was important to ensure compliance with the Chartered Institute for Public Finance and Accountancy guidance.

***RESOLVED that it be recommended to Council that:**

(a) the Chair be authorised to approve any amendments to the draft report; and

(b) the 2022-23 Audit Committee Annual Report be submitted to Council in July 2023.

(part (b) only)