

REPORT TO:	Council
DATE:	13 December 2023
SUBJECT:	Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2022/23
PURPOSE:	To provide an annual report on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee in the Municipal Year 2022/23
KEY DECISION:	N/A
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	N/A
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	N/A
EXEMPT REPORT?	No

SUMMARY

It is good practice to report annually on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee. Consequently, attached at **Appendix A** is the Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report 2022/23.

The report is made in accordance with the Constitution and provides a summary of the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the year.

The report was reviewed by the Council's Audit and Governance Committee on 22 November 2023 and is presented to Council for noting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the report be noted by Full Council.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

To comply with good practice and to inform the Council of the work of the Committee.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

None

1. BACKGROUND

1.1 The Audit and Governance Committee is formally recognised as the body charged with governance and reports directly to Council.

1.2 The Committee was set up and approved with terms of reference based on best practice using guidance from the National Audit Office and HM Treasury.

1.3 The Audit and Governance Committee provides the independence, questioning, and thoroughness required across a wide range of internal control, corporate governance, and financial reporting matters.

2. REPORT

2.1 Attached at **Appendix A** is the Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report 2022/23. The report provides a summary of the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the municipal year 2022/23.

3. CONCLUSION

3.1 It is good practice to produce an annual report that sets out the activities undertaken by the Committee over the previous year and report this to the Full Council.

4. EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

None

5. IMPLICATIONS

SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS' PARTNERSHIP

None

6. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

None

7. STAFFING

None

8. WORKFORCE CAPACITY IMPLICATIONS

None

9. CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

10. DATA PROTECTION

None

11. FINANCIAL

None

12. RISK MANAGEMENT

None

13. STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES

The Chairman of the Committee has been consulted on the production of the report.

14. REPUTATION

Reporting annually on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee demonstrates the value of the Audit & Governance Committee to both the Council and the public in ensuring that improvements to the governance of the Authority continue to be made.

15. CONTRACTS

None

16. CRIME AND DISORDER

None

17. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

None

18. HEALTH AND WELL BEING

None

19. CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

20. LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

None

ACRONYMS

None

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A

Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report
2022/23

BACKGROUND PAPERS

No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report.

CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT

This report was considered by the Audit and Governance Committee on 22 November 2023.

REPORT APPROVAL

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Approved for publication:	Councillor Will Grover, Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee for 2022/23