

<b>Report To:</b>	Council
<b>Date:</b>	09 October 2024
<b>Subject:</b>	Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2023/24
<b>Purpose:</b>	To provide an annual report on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee in the Municipal Year 2023/24
<b>Key Decision:</b>	N/A
<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	N/A
<b>Report Of:</b>	John Medler, Assistant Director Governance and Monitoring Officer
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<b>Ward(s) Affected:</b>	N/A
<b>Exempt Report?</b>	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 2023/24.

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 11 September 2024 and is presented to Council for noting.

### **Recommendations**

That the report be noted by Full Council.

### **Reason for Recommendations**

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

<b>Other Options Considered</b>
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None
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## 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 2023/24. The report provides a summary of the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the municipal year 2023/24.

## 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.

## Implications

### South and East Lincolnshire Councils' Partnership

*None*

### Corporate Priorities

*None*

### Staffing

*None*

### Workforce Capacity Implications

*None*

### Constitution and Legal Implications

*None*

### Data Protection

*None*

## **Financial**

*None*

## **Risk Management**

*None*

## **Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales**

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

## **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.

## **Contracts**

*None*

## **Crime and Disorder**

*None*

## **Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding**

*None*

## **Health and Wellbeing**

*None*

## **Climate Change and Environmental Implications**

*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  
2023/24

### **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**

A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body.

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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