

Report To:	Council
Date:	08 October 2025
Subject:	Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2024/25
Purpose:	To provide an annual report on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee in the Municipal Year 2024/25
Key Decision:	N/A
Portfolio Holder:	N/A
Report Of:	John Medler, Assistant Director Governance and Monitoring Officer
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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 2024/25.

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 2025 and is presented to Council for noting. At the request of Audit and Governance Committee, an addition has been made to the 'Audit and Governance Committee Membership' Section of the annual report to include attendance data.

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.

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 2024/25. The report provides a summary of the activities of the Audit and Governance Committee during the municipal year 2024/25.

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
2024/25

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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