



## **AUDIT AND RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY 15 JANUARY 2024**

<b>REPORT TITLE:</b>	<b>ANNUAL ARMC REPORT 2022-23</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR</b>

### **REPORT SUMMARY**

To comply with best professional practice the Audit and Risk Management Committee is required to complete an annual report to Cabinet on the work undertaken by the Committee.

Attached at Appendix A is the Annual ARMC Report prepared by the respective Chairs of the Committee during the period in consultation with Internal Audit.

This matter affects all Wards within the Borough. It is not a key decision.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

The Audit and Risk Management Committee is recommended to approve the Annual ARMC Report for 2022-23 and submit this to Council.

## **SUPPORTING INFORMATION**

### **1.0 REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION**

- 1.1 To comply with best practice identified in the CIPFA publication 'Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police'.

### **2.0 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 The Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) Issued amended regulations in 2006, to the 2003 Accounts and Audit Regulations – 'The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2006.
- 2.2 One of the amended regulations relates specifically to the systems of internal audit in operation and requires bodies to regularly review their systems of internal audit, and for the findings to be considered by a committee of the body, or by the body as a whole.
- 2.3 Advice from CIPFA, incorporated into the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards includes the assertion that the "systems of internal audit" can be considered to include the role and effectiveness of the Audit Committee which therefore should be assessed and evaluated. As part of this requirement there is an expectation that the 'Audit Committee' prepares an annual report that evaluates and summarises the activity of the committee during the year and that this is presented to Council.
- 2.4 An annual report for 2022-23 has been prepared by the Chairs in consultation with Internal Audit evaluating the activity of the Committee during the year and is attached at Appendix A for consideration and approval by the Members.
- 2.5 In addition, a self-assessment exercise is undertaken annually of the Committee against the CIPFA best practice requirements and presented to the October meeting of the Committee for consideration.

### **3.0 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

- 3.1 No other options considered appropriate for the production of the annual report.

### **4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

### **5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

### **6.0 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS: STAFFING, ICT AND ASSETS**

- 6.1 There are no resource implications arising from this report.

## **7.0 RELEVANT RISKS**

7.1 Potential failure of the Audit and Risk Management Committee to comply with best professional practice and thereby not function in an efficient and effective manner.

## **8.0 ENGAGEMENT/CONSULTATION**

8.1 Members of this Committee are consulted throughout the process of preparing and delivering the annual report.

## **9.0 EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 The content and/or recommendations contained within this report have no direct implications for equality. However, the delivery of an effective Audit and Risk Management Committee will assist in ensuring that the Council, its finances, and service provision are effectively managed and governed aiding the advancement of equality.

## **10.0 ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 The content and/or recommendations contained within this report are expected to have no impact on emissions of CO2/greenhouse gases.

## **11.0 COMMUNITY WEALTH IMPLICATIONS**

11.1 The content and/or recommendations contained within this report have no direct implications for community wealth. However, the delivery of an effective internal audit service will assist in ensuring that the Council, its finances, and service provision are effectively managed and governed aiding the advancement of economic, social and environmental justice for all residents.

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## **APPENDICES**

Appendix A                      Annual ARMC Report 2022-23

## **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2006  
CIPFA: Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police  
Public Sector Internal Audit Standards

## **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

This report is being considered by the Audit and Risk Management Committee in accordance with Section B of its Terms of Reference.

(b) Internal Audit and Internal Control

**SUBJECT HISTORY (last 3 years)**

<b>Council Meeting</b>	<b>Date</b>
Audit and Risk Management Committee	Report presented annually to Committee.