
REPORT OF THE CHIEF FINANCE OFFICER AND
HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT

TO THE AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

ON WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE 2019

TITLE: AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE SELF- EVALUATION OF
EFFECTIVENESS

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members are requested to consider the results of the self-evaluation exercise, detailed in the attached report, which reports on the effectiveness of the Audit & Accounts Committee, and approve any actions required to increase the effectiveness of this Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of the report attached at Appendix 1 is to inform Members of the results of the self-evaluation exercise, in which they took part at the last meeting of this Committee, and to gain the Committee's approval of proposed actions.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS:

Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities - CIPFA

KEY DECISION: NO

DETAILS:

CIPFA guidance on best practice for Audit Committees, as laid down in the "Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities" suggests that an Audit Committee should review its effectiveness on an annual basis. The guidance suggests that a self-assessment questionnaire and a self-evaluation approach may be utilised.

At the last Audit & Accounts Committee meeting on the 27th March 2019, all Members in attendance were requested to consider examples of how the audit committee can add value and provide evidence of its own effectiveness. The interactive electronic voting software was used to complete the self-evaluation document to ensure that the results were captured anonymously.

The report attached at Appendix 1 shows the results of the self-evaluation exercise and includes an action plan to address areas identified for development.

KEY COUNCIL POLICIES: N/A

EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT AND IMPLICATIONS: N/A

ASSESSMENT OF RISK:

A key requirement for the Audit & Accounts Committee, in order for the Committee to meet its terms of reference, is to assess its own performance.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS Supplied by: N/A

PROCUREMENT IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

There are no known Procurement implications within this report

HR IMPLICATIONS Supplied by:

There are no known HR implications arising from this report.

OTHER DIRECTORATES CONSULTED: N/A

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WARDS TO WHICH REPORT RELATES: N/A