

## **COUNCIL MEETING – 13 OCTOBER 2020**

### **AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

#### **1.0 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To inform the Council of the activity undertaken by the Audit & Accounts Committee during the 2019/20 financial year.

#### **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 As part of the bi-annual review of the effectiveness of the Audit Committee which was undertaken during July 2019, an action plan was presented to the Audit and Accounts Committee at the meeting in November 2019. One of the actions identified within that plan was to produce an annual report of the activity of the Audit and Accounts Committee. This report was then to be tabled at Council in order to demonstrate how the Committee has discharged its responsibilities as described within the Constitution.
- 2.2 The report attached details the activity undertaken by the Committee throughout the financial year 2019/20. The report concludes that the Committee has discharged its responsibilities as per the Constitution together with adding value to the organisation through proactively requiring officers to attend Committee where internal audit reports are limited or low. This allows assurance that where management actions are required in order to improve the control environment, members of the Committee are kept abreast with updates to ensure these actions are completed. This process had previously not been in place and hence it was down to the Committee members requests that this process began.

#### **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**That Council note the activity undertaken by the Audit & Accounts Committee during financial year 2019/20.**

#### **Background Papers**

Nil.

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