

Report to: Governance Committee
Date of meeting: 16 July 2024
By: Chief Finance Officer
Title: Audit Committee: Annual Report 2023/24
Purpose: To present the Audit Committee: Annual Report 2023/24 for review.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Governance Committee is recommended to note the Audit Committee: Annual Report 2023/24.

1. Background

- 1.1 The *CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022* has been published, replacing the 2018 edition. The statement represents CIPFA's view on Audit Committees and is the outcome of consultation with local authority representatives. It is expected that all local government bodies make best efforts to adopt the principles within the statement. The Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities supports the guidance.
- 1.2 A recommendation within the Position Statement is for Audit Committees to produce an Annual Report, which will provide an overview of the work of the Committee over the previous year.

2. Supporting Information

- 2.1 The Audit Committee: Annual Report 2023/24 is at Appendix 1. The report provides an introduction from the Chair of the Audit Committee, details of the role and membership of the Audit Committee, together with key activities for the year.
- 2.2 Audit Committee Members have had the opportunity to review the report and provide any comments which are reflected in the report attached at Appendix 1.

3. Conclusion and reasons for recommendation

- 3.1 In line with the CIPFA Position Statement 2022, and supported by DLUHC, it is best practice for local authority Audit Committees to provide an annual report of their activities.
- 3.2 The Governance Committee is recommended to note the Audit Committee: Annual Report 2023/24.

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Background Documents
None