

Report to: Governance Committee

Date of meeting: 15 July 2025

By: Chief Finance Officer

Title: Audit Committee: Annual Report 2024/25

Purpose: To present the Audit Committee: Annual Report 2024/25 for review.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Governance Committee is recommended to note the Audit Committee: Annual Report 2024/25.

1. Background

1.1 The *CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022*, which replaced the 2018 edition, 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 the best effort to adopt the principles within the statement. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) 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 2024/25 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 MHCLG, 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 2024/25.

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None