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To: Audit and Governance Committee
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Title: Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2020-21

Summary:

A draft Annual Report is provided for the Committee's consideration and approval.

Recommendations:

- i. To approve the Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2020-21; and
- ii. To delegate authority to the Democratic Services Officer in consultation with the Chair, to update the appendix prior to publication to reflect the work undertaken at the final meeting of the municipal year.

Reasons for recommendation

The Audit and Governance Committee is required, under Article 6 of the Constitution, to prepare an Annual Report reviewing its work during the previous municipal year.

1. Introduction and background

- 1.1 Article 6 of the Constitution requires the Audit and Governance Committee to prepare an Annual Report which should review its work during the previous municipal year.

2 The Report

- 2.1 A draft Annual Report is attached at Appendix A. This has been drafted by the Chair and the Democratic Services Officer and it is now available for the Committee to consider.

- 2.2 The Report has been structured in three sections:
- An introduction from the Chair
 - A summary of the membership, role and work of the committee
 - An appendix comprising a retrospective work programme and summary of decisions for 2020-21.
- 2.3 The Committee is asked to consider any amendments and approve the report for publication.
- 2.4 As there will be no further meeting of the Committee during this municipal year, the Committee is asked to delegate authority to the Democratic Services Officer, in consultation with the Chair, to amend the appendix prior to publication to reflect the business transacted at the April meeting.

3 Legal/Financial Controls and other Policy matters

- 3.1 None.

4. Conclusion

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to approve the draft Annual Report 2020-21 to comply with the requirement of Article 6 of the Constitution.
- 4.2 The Committee is further asked to delegate authority to the Democratic Services Officer, in consultation with the Chair, to update the appendix to the Annual Report to reflect outcomes following the final meeting of the year.

5. Background Documents

None.

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Appendices:

A – Draft Audit and Governance Committee Annual Report 2020-21