



Audit and Standards Committee Report

Report of: David Hollis, Interim Director Legal & Governance

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Subject: Audit and Standards Committee Annual Report 2022

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Summary:

The report highlights the activities of the Committee and provides details of the outcome of the Standards complaints received from January to December 2022.

Recommendations:

That the Committee:-

- (a) Comments on the Annual Report; and
- (b) Approves the report for submission to Full Council.

Background Papers: None

Category of Report: OPEN

Statutory and Council Policy Checklist

Financial Implications
NO Cleared by:
Legal Implications
NO Cleared by:
Equality of Opportunity Implications
NO Cleared by:
Tackling Health Inequalities Implications
NO
Human rights Implications
NO:
Environmental and Sustainability implications
NO
Economic impact
NO
Community safety implications
NO
Human resources implications
NO
Property implications
NO
Area(s) affected
NONE
Is the item a matter which is reserved for approval by the City Council?
NO
Press release
NO

Audit and Standards Annual Report 2022

1.0 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This is the sixth Annual Report of the merged Audit and Standards Committee and covers the period from January 2022 – December 2022. The Committee will receive this information on a yearly basis and although named the Audit and Standards Annual Report, the information contained within the reports will be primarily Standards related.

2.0 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Changes to the Standards regime were introduced in July 2012 following the Localism Act 2011. Although it was no longer a statutory requirement to have a Standards Committee, Full Council approved the retention of a Committee to deal with complaints and adopted a new Members' Code of Conduct and a Procedure for Dealing with Standards Complaints.

3.0 MAIN BODY OF THE REPORT

Including Legal, Financial and all other relevant implications (if any)

- 3.1 The Standards responsibilities of the merged Audit and Standards Committee include monitoring the Council's complaints process, training, learning and development, and advising the Council on the adoption and revision of relevant policies and corporate issues.
- 3.2 As such, the attached report covers these areas in detail, summarising Standards activities from January 2022 - December 2022.

4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 4.1 That the Committee comments on the attached report; and approves the report for submission to Full Council.

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