

SCHEDULE OF ITEMS RECOMMENDED FROM COMMITTEES AND OTHER MEMBER BODIES

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1.0 AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 MARCH 2024

Audit Committee Annual Report 2023/24

The Committee considered a Report (Y162 attached at Appendix A) containing the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2023/24.

The Director, Finance reported that this was the first report of this nature and that he would welcome views from Members regarding future content.

A number of questions relating to this Agenda item had been submitted by Members prior to the meeting and these, along with answers provided by officers, were set out in Appendix 1 to these minutes.

In response to a follow-up question by a Member, the Director, Finance gave further clarification on the remit of the Lay Member to be appointed to the Committee. The Chair added that it was anticipated that the Lay Member would be appointed at the Annual Council meeting in May 2024.

Members thanked the Chief Internal Auditor for their assistance with the Annual Report and commended the beneficial nature of recent meetings with the Internal Auditor.

A Member suggested that the most highly rated risks to the Council, as detailed in the Risk Register, could be included in future versions of the Annual Report.

The Chair stated that Committee Members would be considering a timetable for the self-assessment process for the forthcoming year.

It was resolved to RECOMMEND TO FULL COUNCIL:

That the Audit Committee Annual Report be approved.