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**Annual Report of Standards and Audit Committee**

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Meeting:	(1) Standards and Audit Committee (2) Council
Date:	(1) 23 May 2018 (2) 18 July 2018
Cabinet portfolio:	Cabinet Member for Governance
Report by:	Chair of the Standards and Audit Committee, the Internal Audit Consortium Manager and the Local Government and Regulatory Law Manager

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**1.0 Purpose of report**

1.1 To set out the work of the Standards and Audit Committee for 2017/18 in an annual report in line with best practice.

**2.0 Recommendations**

2.1 That the Standards and Audit Committee consider the attached Standards and Audit Committee Annual Report and refer to Council for approval.

2.2 That Council approve the Annual Report of the Standards and Audit Committee.

### **3.0 Report details**

- 3.1 The Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) in their guidance note "Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities", recommend that an Audit Committee should produce an annual report on their activity. The Standards and Audit Committee, after a self - assessment of its effectiveness, agreed that the production of an Annual Report would help assess how the Committee was performing. It would also raise the profile of the Committee.
- 3.2 The Annual Report in Appendix 1 summarises the work of the Standards and Audit Committee for the financial year 2017/18.

### **4.0 Alternative options and reasons for rejection**

- 4.1 The report is for information.

### **5.0 Recommendations**

- 5.1 That the Standards and Audit Committee consider the attached Standards and Audit Committee Annual Report and refer to Council for approval.
- 5.2 That Council approve the annual report of the Standards and Audit Committee.

### **6.0 Reasons for recommendation**

- 6.1 To ensure that the Standards and Audit Committee are following good practice guidelines in line with CIPFA's guidance note "Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities" in terms of performance and effectiveness.

#### **Decision information**

<b>Key decision number</b>	N/A
<b>Wards affected</b>	All

<b>Links to Council Plan priorities</b>	This report links to the Council's priority to provide value for money services.
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<b>Background documents</b>	
These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when the report was prepared.	
CIPFA's Audit Committees – Practical Guidance for Local Authorities	
<b>Appendices to the report</b>	
Appendix 1	Annual Report of the Standards and Audit Committee