

# **Cherwell District Council**

## **Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee**

**16 March 2022**

### **Draft Annual Report of Accounts, Audit and Risk Committee**

#### **Report of the Assistant Director of Finance**

This report is public

#### **Purpose of report**

The report presents the draft report of the Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee.

#### **1.0 Recommendations**

The meeting is recommended:

- 1.1 To review the draft report, agree any amendments and finalise in preparation for presentation to Council by the Chair of the Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee.

#### **2.0 Introduction**

- 2.1 In accordance with CIPFA (The Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy) Guidelines for Local Authorities 2018, it is recommended practice for an annual public report to be produced and reported to Council demonstrating how the committee has discharged its responsibilities.

#### **3.0 Report Details**

- 3.1 A draft report of the activities of the committee for the financial year 2021/22 has been prepared and is included within Appendix 1. It is proposed that suggested amendments/additional comments are discussed and agreed at the committee.
- 3.2 The final report will then be produced for the Chair of the committee, to schedule and present to Council.
- 3.3 Compliance with CIPFA's guidance for Local Authority Audit Committees 2018, demonstrates the committee's commitment to high standards and the production of the annual report demonstrates the role the committee exercises in being a key component of good governance for Cherwell District Council.

## **4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations**

- 4.1 This report provides the draft annual report of the work of the committee during the financial year 2021/22 for review and agreement by the committee members.

## **5.0 Consultation**

Not applicable.

## **6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 6.1 The following alternative options have been identified and rejected for the reasons as set out below.

Option 1: No alternative options have been identified as this report is for information only.

## **7.0 Implications**

### **Financial and Resource Implications**

- 7.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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### **Legal Implications**

- 7.2 There are no legal implications arising directly from this report.

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### **Risk Implications**

- 7.3 There are no risk management issues arising directly from this report.

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## **8.0 Decision Information**

**Key Decision (N/A)**

**Financial Threshold Met:** N/A

**Community Impact Threshold Met:** N/A

**Wards Affected**

All

**Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework**

All corporate plan themes.

**Lead Councillor**

Councillor Tony Illott – Lead Member for Finance and Governance

**Document Information**

**Appendix number and title**

- Appendix 1 – Draft Annual Report of Accounts, Audit & Risk Committee 2021/22

**Background papers**

None

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