



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

# Council

26 May 2022

**Report of:** Councillor Paul Wood

Chairman of Governance and  
Audit Committee



## Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report 2021/22

This report presents the Annual Report of the Governance and Audit Committee for 2021/22 for Council and includes the indicative work plan and timetable for 2022/23.

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Corporate Priority:	Decision type:	Wards:
<b>Administrative</b>	<b>Administrative</b>	<b>All Wards</b>

<b>Reviewed by:</b>	Alison Hall-Wright, Assistant Director of Finance	16 May 2022
<b>Approved by:</b>	Richard Wyles, Chief Finance Officer	16 May 2022
<b>Signed off by:</b>	Councillor Adam Stokes, Deputy Leader of the Council	17 May 2022

### Recommendation to the decision maker

- Council is asked to approve the Annual Report of the Governance and Audit Committee for 2021/22 and approve the indicative work plan and timetable for 2022/23 which reflect the terms of reference of the Committee.**

## **1 The Background to the Report**

- 1.1 Audit Committees are an important source of assurance about an organisation's arrangements for managing risk, maintaining an effective internal control environment and reporting on financial and other performance.
- 1.2 CIPFA recommends that audit committees produce an annual report to promote the role and purpose of the committee, account for the committee's performance, evaluate whether the committee is continuing to meet its terms of reference and document how the committee adds value. The Governance and Audit Committee's annual report fulfilling these requirements is set out at Appendix A.
- 1.3 The purpose of this report is to advise Council of key outcomes arising from the work of the Governance and Audit Committee for 2021/22 and to approve the indicative work plan and timetable for 2022/23 as set out in the Appendix.
- 1.4 The Committee's work is key to delivering good governance throughout the authority. It provides independent assurance and challenge on the effectiveness of the Council's overall arrangements for corporate governance and internal control, including risk management. It is good practice to publicise the work of the Committee to ensure a greater understanding of governance and audit issues. It is also important for the Committee to demonstrate the impact of its work to Members, partners, stakeholders and the wider community.

## **2 Consultation and Feedback Received, Including Overview and Scrutiny**

- 2.1 Council is asked to approve the Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report for 2021/22 and approve the indicative work plan and timetable for 2022/23.

## **3 Reasons for the Recommendation**

- 3.1 To ensure Council is informed of the work activities of the Governance and Audit Committee.

## **4 Financial Implications**

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

**Financial Implications reviewed by: Richard Wyles, Chief Finance Officer**

## **5 Legal and Governance Implications**

- 5.1 Each year it is important that all Members are informed of the work of the Governance and Audit Committee and given the opportunity to comment on the work plan and timetable for the ensuing year.

**Legal Implications reviewed by: Graham Watts, Assistant Director of Governance and Deputy Monitoring Officer**

## **6 Appendices**

- 6.1 Appendix A – Governance and Audit Committee Annual Report for 2021/22 and Work Plan for 2022/23