

REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

A. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2023-24

Introduction

1. The purpose of this report is to present the annual report of the Corporate Governance Committee for 2023-24.

Background

2. The Corporate Governance Committee plays an important role in providing assurance of the Council's arrangements for corporate governance, internal and external audit, managing risk, maintaining an effective control environment and reporting on financial and other performance.
3. Guidance issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) recommends that all local authority audit committees report annually on how they have discharged their responsibilities to help ensure that audit committees are operating effectively, to promote their role and purpose and to account for their performance in discharging their duties. The draft annual report for 2023-24 fulfilling these requirements is set out in the Appendix attached to this report.
4. In summary the report sets out the role of the Committee, its membership and the responsibilities delegated to it by the County Council. It also provides an overview of some of the sources of assurance the Committee has received during 2023-24 and highlights some of the key issues facing the Council from a governance and risk perspective.

Resource Implications

5. None arising from this report.

Equality Implications

6. There are no equality implications arising from this report.

Consideration by the Corporate Governance Committee

7. The Corporate Governance Committee at its meeting on 20 May considered the Annual Report of the Corporate Governance Committee 2023-24. The decision of the Corporate Governance Committee is reflected in the motion below.

(Motion to be moved:

That the information contained in the Corporate Governance Committee Annual Report 2023-24, attached as Appendix A to this report, be noted.)

20 May 2024

Mr. T. Barkley CC

**Chairman of the Corporate
Governance Committee**

Background Papers

[Report to the Corporate Governance Committee at its meeting on 20 May 2024 – Annual Report of the Corporate Governance Committee 2023-24](#)

Appendix

Appendix A – Corporate Governance Committee Annual Report 2023-24.