



CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – 26 JUNE 2026

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CORPORATE GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 2025-26

JOINT REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE RESOURCES AND THE ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF LAW AND GOVERNANCE

Purpose of the Report

1. To enable the Committee to consider the draft annual report of the Corporate Governance Committee for 2025-26, prior to its submission to full Council in September.

Policy Framework and Previous Decisions

2. Guidance issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) recommends that all local authority audit committees report annually on how it has discharged its responsibilities.

Background

3. 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.
4. CIPFA has issued guidance to local authorities to help ensure that audit committees are operating effectively and to promote the role and purpose of the committee and to account for its performance in discharging its duties. The draft annual report for 2025-26 fulfilling these requirements is set out in the Appendix attached to this report.
5. 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 2025-26 and highlights some of the key issues facing the Council from a governance and risk perspective.

Resource Implications

6. None arising from this report.

Recommendation

7. The Committee is asked to consider and approve the draft annual report of the Corporate Governance Committee 2025-26 for submission to full Council in September 2026.

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