



<b>REPORT TO:</b>	South Holland District Council
<b>DATE:</b>	Wednesday 22 November 2023
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	Governance and Audit Annual Report 2022/2023
<b>PURPOSE:</b>	To receive the Governance and Audit Annual Report 2022/2023
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	N
<b>PORTFOLIO HOLDER:</b>	N/A
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	John Medler, Assistance Director Governance (Monitoring Officer)
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<b>WARD(S) AFFECTED:</b>	None
<b>EXEMPT REPORT?</b>	N

#### **SUMMARY**

The Governance and Audit Committee is required to report annually to Council on its work programme activities undertaken during the previous municipal year.

The Governance and Audit Annual Report 2022/2023 (**Appendix A**) is introduced by the Chairman incumbent for the period covered by the report and provides an overview of the following for 2022/2023: the role and function of the Governance and Audit Committee; committee membership; meeting dates and summary of work undertaken; internal audit; external audit; governance; treasury and accounts; risk management; and training and development.

#### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

That members receive the Governance and Audit Annual Report 2022/2023

## **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To comply with good practice and to inform the Council of the work of the committee in line with its Terms of Reference.

## **OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

None

### **1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1** The requirement for the Governance and Audit Committee to report annually to Council on the work programme is stated at part 3 of SHDC's Constitution, at section D.
- 1.2** The emergence of the Covid-19 pandemic saw a pause in production of the report however this has now been reinstated and the report will continue to be produced annually.
- 1.3** During the pause in production/Covid period, SHDC's shared management arrangement with Breckland Council concluded and a new strategic partnership was formed between SHDC, Boston Borough Council and East Lindsey District Council (S&ELCP). The Governance and Audit Committee scrutinise partnership process alignments where relevant to its function.

### **2. REPORT**

- 2.1** The report gives an overview of activities undertaken during the 2022/2023 municipal year by SHDC's Governance and Audit Committee.
- 2.2** The report does not serve to reproduce the reasons for scrutiny of items nor the outcome of discussions. The report can, however, serve as a signpost for interested parties to obtain further information from the SHDC website where agendas and approved minutes are published.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1** In presenting the information in the attached report, the work undertaken by South Holland District Council's Governance and Audit Committee during 2022/2023 is clearly defined.

### **4. EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP**

- 4.1** None

### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

#### **5.1 SOUTH AND EAST LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCILS PARTNERSHIP**

- 5.1.1** None

#### **5.2 CORPORATE PRIORITIES**

- 5.2.1** None

#### **5.3 STAFFING**

5.3.1 None

**5.4 CONSTITUTIONAL AND LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.4.1 None

**5.5 DATA PROTECTION**

5.5.1 None

**5.6 FINANCIAL**

5.6.1 None

**5.7 RISK MANAGEMENT**

5.7.1 None

**5.8 STAKEHOLDER / CONSULTATION / TIMESCALES**

5.8.1 The Governance and Audit Committee Chairman incumbent for the period of the report has provided input.

**5.9 REPUTATION**

5.9.1 None

**5.10 CONTRACTS**

5.10.1 None

**5.11 CRIME AND DISORDER**

5.11.1 None

**5.12 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING**

5.12.1 None

**5.13 HEALTH AND WELL BEING**

5.13.1 None

**5.14 CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

5.14.1 None

**5.15 LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER**

None

**6. ACRONYMS**

6.1 **SHDC** South Holland District Council

**S&ELCP** South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

<b>APPENDICES</b>	
APPENDIX A	Governance and Audit Annual Report 2022/2023

**BACKGROUND PAPERS**

*No background papers as defined in Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the production of this report*

**CHRONOLOGICAL HISTORY OF THIS REPORT**

*A report on this item has not been previously considered by a Council body'*

**REPORT APPROVAL**

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