



Report To: South Holland District Council

Date: Wednesday, 2 October 2024

Subject: Governance and Audit Annual Report 2023/2024

Purpose: To receive the Governance and Audit Annual Report 2023/2024

Key Decision: No

Portfolio Holder: N/A

Report Of: John Medler, Assistant Director - Governance (Monitoring Officer)

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Ward(s) Affected: None

Exempt Report: No

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 2023/2024 (Appendix A) is introduced by the Chairman of the Governance and Audit Committee and provides an overview of the following for 2023/2024: 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 2023/2024

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 its work programme is stated at part 3 of SHDC's Constitution, at section D.

2. Report

- 2.1 The report gives an overview of activities undertaken during the 2023/2024 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 2023/2024 is clearly defined.

Implications

South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership

None

Corporate Priorities

None

Staffing

None

Workforce Capacity Implications

None

Constitutional and Legal Implications

None

Data Protection

none

Financial

None

Risk Management

None

Stakeholder / Consultation / Timescales

The Governance and Audit Committee Chairman has provided input to the report

Reputation

None

Contracts

None

Crime and Disorder

None

Equality and Diversity / Human Rights / Safeguarding

None

Health and Wellbeing

None

Climate Change and Environmental Implications

None

Acronyms

- **SHDC** South Holland District Council
- **S&ELCP** South and East Lincolnshire Councils Partnership
- **CIPFA** Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy

Appendix

Appendix A

Governance and Audit Annual Report 2023/2024

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

The report was noted by the Governance and Audit Committee at its meeting held on 12 September 2024.

Report Approval

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