

County Council

25 July 2023

Audit & Standards Committee Annual Report

Recommendation

That Council receives and endorses the annual report of the Audit and Standards Committee.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 The annual report, attached at Appendix 1, highlights some of the work undertaken by the Audit & Standards Committee during 2022/2023 and looks ahead to issues that the Committee will examine moving forward.
- 1.2 The report was considered by the Committee on 25 May 2023 and additional comments included as requested. The additional comments related to Overview and Scrutiny and Internal Audit.

2. Financial Implications

- 2.1 None for this report.

3. Environmental Implications

- 3.1 None for this report.

4. Supporting Information

- 4.1 In conjunction with another agenda item (Internal Audit Progress Report) considered at the 25 May 2023 meeting, Members of the Audit and Standards Committee felt it was important to acknowledge the work of Warwickshire County Council's Internal Audit Service.
- 4.2 The Internal Audit Service had undergone an external review by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and, having recognised the high level of work, the Committee felt this was a matter of public interest and should be shared more widely. Therefore, CIPFA's final report following the conclusion of the review is included as Appendix 2.

5. Timescales associated with the decision and next steps

5.1 None.

Appendices

1. Appendix 1 – Annual report of the Committee
2. Appendix 2 – CIPFA External Assessment of Internal Audit

Background Papers

None

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