

Report title	Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2020-2021	
Referring body	Audit and Risk Committee	
Councillor to present report	Councillor Alan Butt – Chair of Audit and Risk Committee	
Wards affected	All Wards	
Cabinet Member with lead responsibility	Councillor Ian Brookfield, Leader of the Council	
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Report has been considered by	Audit and Risk Committee	27 September 2021

Recommendation for decision:

The Council is recommended to:

1. Approve the contents of the 2020-2021 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 This report summarises the main areas of work undertaken by the Audit and Risk Committee during 2020-2021.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On 27 September 2021 Audit and Risk Committee considered a report on Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2020-2021.
- 2.2 Copies of the report have been supplied to Councillors and can also be accessed online on the Council's website [here](#).
- 2.3 Audit and Risk Committee recommended to Council that it approves:
1. The contents of the 2020-2021 Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report.

3.0 Audit and Risk Committee

- 3.1 The purpose of the Audit and Risk Committee is to provide independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework and the internal control environment. It provides an independent review of the governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversees the financial reporting and annual governance processes. It oversees internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.
- 3.2 The Audit and Risk Committee work programme continues to be developed and presented at regular meetings of the Committee.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 The financial implications are detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee report of 27 September 2021.

5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 The legal implications are detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee report of 27 September 2021.

6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 The equalities implications are detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee report of 27 September 2021.

7.0 All other Implications

7.1 All other implications are detailed in the Audit and Risk Committee report of 27 September 2021.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

8.1 Audit and Risk Committee – Annual Report 2020-2021 – 27 September 2021.

9.0 Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1: Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2020-2021.