



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE	AGENDA ITEM No: 9
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DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE FOR 2019/20

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The Audit and Governance Committee has been in operation since the Combined Authority Board approved the membership and appointment of the Independent Person in May 2017. The Committee met four times during the 2019/20 municipal year.
- 1.2 The Committee provides independent challenge and assurance of the adequacy of risk management, internal control including internal audit, anti-fraud and the financial reporting framework.
- 1.3 The Draft Annual Report of the Chair of Audit and Governance Committee is the work carried out by the Committee over the municipal year 2019/20 is at Appendix 1.
- 1.4 The Committee was unfortunately unable to obtain sufficient feedback this year to enable a self-assessment exercise to help identify areas for improvement in its work.

<u>RECOMMENDATIONS</u>
Lead Officer: Robert Parkin, Chief Legal Officer and Monitoring Officer and Monitoring Officer

The Audit and Governance Committee is asked to comment on the draft Annual Report of the Chair of Audit and Governance Committee for 2019/20 (Appendix 1) before it is submitted Combined Authority Board.

2.0 BACKGROUND

2.1 It is recommended by relevant professional bodies that audit and governance committees should produce an annual report which details the work of the Committee for the Municipal Year. A draft annual report has been prepared for 2019/20 (Appendix 1).

2.2 The draft annual report shows:

- Background to the Committee, its roles, responsibilities and membership;
- An overview and coverage of its remit including Internal Audit, Accounts and Financial Management, External Audit, Risk Management, Control Assurance, Corporate Governance, and Fraud and Irregularities;
- Training provided to ensure that suitable challenge and scrutiny is adopted.
- Records of complaints, Freedom of Information requests and attendance levels for the committee to consider.

2.3 The Committee is asked to comment on the draft report before it submitted by the Chair to the Combined Authority Board in July.

2.4 Unfortunately there were insufficient responses from members to enable a meaningful self-assessment exercise to be conducted and reflected in this year's report.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

3.1 Subject to comments by the Audit and Governance Committee, it is intended to present the report to the Combined Authority Board in July 2020 for noting.

4.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

5.0 LEGAL IMPLICATION

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

6.0 APPENDICES

6.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Annual Report of the Chair of Audit and Governance Committee for 2018/19

<u>Source Documents</u>	<u>Location</u>