



REPORT TO:	Full Council
DATE:	15 January 2024
SUBJECT:	Audit & Governance Committee's Annual Report 2022/23
PURPOSE:	To receive the Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report 2022/23
KEY DECISION:	N/A
PORTFOLIO HOLDER:	N/A
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WARD(S) AFFECTED:	N/A
EXEMPT REPORT?	NO

SUMMARY

The Audit & Governance Committee is required, by its Terms of Reference, to publish an Annual Report on the work of the Committee. The Committee's Annual Report for 2022/23 is attached at Appendix A and is presented to the Full Council to inform members of the activities undertaken by the Committee during the previous Municipal Year.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council receives the Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report 2022/23.

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 Audit and Governance Committee is a key component of Boston's corporate governance framework. It provides an independent and high-level focus on the audit, assurance and reporting arrangements that underpin good governance and financial standards.
- 1.2 Each year the Committee produces an Annual Report summarising its activities during the past year.

2. REPORT

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix A is the Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report for 2022/23.
- 2.2 The report includes an overview of; the purpose of the Committee, its membership, meetings and summary of work, internal audit, external audit, governance, treasury and accounts, risk management and training and development. It does not serve to reproduce the reasons for scrutiny of items nor the outcome of discussion. The report can, however, serve as a signpost for interested parties to obtain further information from the Council's website where agendas and approves minutes are published.
- 2.3 The Committee agreed at its meeting in November 2023 that its Annual Report 2022/23 should be presented to the Full Council by the Chairman of the Committee to inform Members of the work of the Committee.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 In presenting the information in the attached report, the work undertaken by Boston Borough Council's Audit and Governance Committee during 2022/23 is clearly defined and reported to Council in accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference and best practice.

EXPECTED BENEFITS TO THE PARTNERSHIP

None, report specific to Boston Borough Council

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 Audit and Governance Committee reviewed the attached Annual Report at its meeting on 20 November 2023.

REPUTATION

Reporting annually on the work of the Audit and Governance Committee demonstrates the value of the Audit & Governance Committee to both the Council and the public in ensuring that improvements to the governance of the Authority continue to be made.

CONTRACTS

None

CRIME AND DISORDER

None

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY/ HUMAN RIGHTS/ SAFEGUARDING

None

HEALTH AND WELL BEING

None

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

None

LINKS TO 12 MISSIONS IN THE LEVELLING UP WHITE PAPER

None

ACRONYMS

None

APPENDICES

Appendices are listed below and attached to the back of the report: -

APPENDIX A

Audit & Governance Committee's Annual Report 2022/23

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 Audit and Governance Committee - 20 November 2023.

REPORT APPROVAL

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