



**Governance and Audit
Committee**

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Subject: Combined Assurance Report 2024/25

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Purpose / Summary:

To present to the Governance and Audit
Committee a copy of the Council's Combined
Assurance report for 24/25

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That members approve the contents of the report
2. That members are assured that the findings illustrate that the Council's governance framework is operating effectively.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal:

No legal implications

Financial:

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report

Staffing: None directly arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights:

None directly arising from this report

Data Protection Implications:

None directly arising from this report

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

None from this report

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

None directly arising from this report

Health Implications:

None from this report

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

N/A

Risk Assessment:

N/A

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

1. Background

- 1.1 RSM LLP provide the Internal Audit Service for the Council and this is their second year providing this service to the organisation.
- 1.2 The purpose of the Combined Assurance Report is to produce a record of assurance against our critical activities and risks. It provides an overview of assurance across the organisation making it possible to identify where assurances are present, their source, and where there are any unknowns.
- 1.3 This report is produced annually, and this report covers the year ending 31st March 2025
- 1.4 The Combined Assurance Report is at Appendix 1 and the Report details the methodology that was used and the levels of assurance we currently have

2. Next Steps

- 2.1 By conducting this work, we are in a position to be able to identify where we need to obtain further assurance and at what levels.
- 2.2 The findings can be used to focus upon areas of improvement

3. Recommendations

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