



**COUNCIL MEETING**

**24 September 2015**

**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
2014/15**

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**Mike Barker, Strategic Director, Legal and Corporate Services**

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

1. The purpose of this report is to approve the annual report of the Audit and Standards Committee.
2. In line with best practice the Audit and Standards Committee is required to report to Council on the Committee's activity each year.
3. Changes to the Council's decision making structures were agreed by Council on 15 May 2014 and this included the merger of the Audit Committee and the Standards Committee. This annual report includes activity for both of the former Audit Committee and the Standards Committee.
4. The Cabinet has considered the facts and issues arising from the report including alternative options and took all relevant advice before formulating their recommendation.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

5. It is recommended that Council endorse the annual report of the Audit and Standards Committee for 2014/15