



County Council Meeting – 8 October 2024

REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Elected Members:

(Present = *)

- * Victor Lewanski (Chairman)
- * Richard Tear (Vice-Chairman)
- * Stephen Cooksey
- * Steven McCormick
- * Ayesha Azad
- * Helyn Clack
- * Matthew Woods (Independent Member)

Members in Attendance

David Lewis (Cobham) - Cabinet Member for Finance and Resources

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE - ANNUAL REPORT 2023/24

1. The Audit and Governance Committee's Annual Report 2023/24 (Annex A) was reviewed and commented on by the committee on 11 September 2024. The committee agreed to commend it to the County Council at its meeting on 8 October 2024.
2. The Audit and Governance Committee was established to monitor, review and report on the governance arrangements of the County Council. In line with CIPFA's (the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy) recommendation that audit committees produce a publicly available annual report, the attached Annual Report (Annex A) covers the work of the Audit and Governance Committee during the period May 2023 to May 2024. It provides a summary of work and engagement undertaken by the committee.
3. The Annual Report provides assurance to those charged with governance at Surrey County Council that the committee demonstrates impact and fulfils its purpose, and that the committee is undertaking its role effectively to ensure that the Council's governance, risk management, internal controls and financial reporting are effective. The Audit and Governance Committee's activities are in line with the core functions set out in its Terms of Reference: Regulatory Framework, Audit Activity, Accounts, Ethical Standards.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council **NOTES** the work undertaken by the Audit and Governance Committee during the period May 2023 to May 2024.

Victor Lewanski
Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee
27/30 September 2024

Asmat Hussain
Monitoring Officer and Interim Director of Law and Governance
27/30 September 2024