

*County Council Meeting – 8 December 2020*

## **REPORT OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE**

\* Mr David Harmer (Chairman)  
\* Mr Keith Witham (Vice Chairman)  
\* Dr Peter Szanto  
\* Mrs Victoria Young  
\* Mr Stephen Cooksey  
A Mr Stephen Spence  
S Mr Ernest Mallett

\* = Present  
A = Apologies  
S = Substitute

## **REPORT OF THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW TASK GROUP**

1. The Governance Review Task Group was established by the Audit and Governance Committee on 26 September 2019, following Council's approval of a new scrutiny model at its Annual General Meeting in May 2019 and a discussion at the Select Committee Chairmen and Vice Chairmen's Group, which noted the Audit and Governance Committee's role in facilitating the oversight of the Council's Select Committees.
2. The task group met on ten occasions between June and October 2020 to hear responses from both Members and officers on a series of questions. The questions were based on the Statutory Guidance on Overview and Scrutiny in Local and Combined Authorities, published by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government in May 2019 and the Centre for Public Scrutiny's (now called Centre for Governance and Scrutiny) Evaluation Framework, to examine the effectiveness of the Council's scrutiny function. The report of the task group report is attached at Annex 1.
3. Council is asked to **note** the report by the Audit and Governance Committee on 26 November 2020.

**Mr David Harmer**  
**Chairman of the Audit and Governance Committee**  
**26 November 2020**

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