

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Annual Report of the Corporate Governance Committee

Meeting/Date: Council – 19 October 2016

Executive Portfolio: Strategic Resources: Councillor J A Gray (Deputy Executive Leader)

Report by: Internal Audit & Risk Manager

Wards affected: All Wards

Executive Summary:

The Corporate Governance Committee present an annual report to the Council on the work that it has undertaken each year.

The Committee's work activities have been designed so that they not only provide assurance to the Council and allow it to discharge its functions, but also allow the Committee to make a positive contribution towards maintaining good governance practices across the Council.

The Committee's annual report for the year ending 30 September 2016 is attached.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council receive the Corporate Governance Committee's 2015/16 Annual Report.

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 The Corporate Governance Committee (CGC) provides independent assurance on the Council's arrangements for the management of risk and its internal control environment. Its annual report summarises the work that it has undertaken and its impact upon the Council's internal control and governance framework.

2. ANALYSIS

- 2.1 Whilst the key assurance that the CGC provides to the Council is via the Annual Governance Statement (AGS), its annual report supplements the AGS by providing an overview of key issues discussed and considered and actions taken.
- 2.2 CGC provides an independent review of the governance, risk management and control frameworks and oversees the financial reporting and annual governance processes. It oversees internal audit and external audit, helping to ensure efficient and effective assurance arrangements are in place.
- 2.3 The CGC is of the view that the Council's governance and internal control procedures are generally sound.

3. LINK TO THE CORPORATE PLAN

- 3.1 The report will be available on the Council's website. As such it will assist with customer engagement.

4. LEGAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct legal or resource implications arising from this report.

5. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 5.1 In receiving the CGC annual report, the Council are able to take assurance that CGC consider that risk management, internal control and the wider governance framework are effective.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Minutes and reports presented to the former Corporate Governance Panel and the Corporate Governance Committee.

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