Public Key Decision – No

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Annual Report of the Committee

Meeting/Date: Council – 11 October 2017

Executive Portfolio: Strategic Resources: Councillor J A Gray

Report by: Internal Audit & Risk Manager

Wards affected: All Wards

Executive Summary:

The Constitution requires the Chairman of the Corporate Governance Committee to present an annual report to the Council.

The 2016/17 report is attached. It summarises the work undertaken by the Committee during 2016/17, the outcomes of the effectiveness review conducted in January 2017 and details of its key work priorities for 2017/18.

The Committee is of the view that the Council's governance and internal control procedures are generally sound. There are always opportunities for improvement however and the Committee have expressed concerns about the effectiveness of the controls associated with the management of the Council's complaint system and the effectiveness of safeguarding procedures. Significant improvements were needed in both these two areas and as a consequence they have been included as improvement areas in the 2016/17 Annual Governance Statement.

The report having already been approved by the Committee has been uploaded onto the Council's website.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that the Council receive the Corporate Governance Committee's 2016/17 annual report.

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