

SUBJECT:	COMBINED ASSURANCE REPORT
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Purpose of Report

1.
 - 1.1 By grouping the different sources of assurance in a single model we provide the basis for Senior Management and the Audit Committee to gain a better understanding of their organisations assurance status and needs.

2. Executive Summary.

- 2.1 The report provides an overview of assurance across the Council. It offers assurance opinions provided by management; corporate assurance systems (performance), other third party assurance and Internal Audit. The Combined Assurance Report is produced annually and the current report covers the period 2017/18.

3. Main Report

- 3.1 The report is attached at Appendix A.
- 3.2 The report details the methodology that was used and assurance across critical systems, projects and risks and provides further details on those with Amber or Red assurances.
- 3.3 The report also feeds into the assurances considered for the Annual Governance Statement and informs the Internal Audit Plan.

4. Organisational Impacts

- 4.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

- 4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

- 4.3 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights (including the outcome of the EA attached, if required.)

There are no direct E and D implications arising as a result of this report.

5. Recommendation

5.1 That Audit Committee note and comment upon the Combined Assurance report.

Key Decision No

Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply? No

Call in and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? One

List of Background Papers: None

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