

**SUBJECT: COMBINED ASSURANCE REPORT**

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## **1. Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 By grouping 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 the organisation's assurance status.

## **2. Inquiries for Those Charged with Governance**

- 2.1 The report provides an overview of assurance across the Council. It combines assurance opinions provided by management, corporate assurance systems (such as performance), other external/third party assurance and Internal Audit. The Combined Assurance Report is produced annually and the current report covers the period 2019/20.

- 2.2 The report is attached at Appendix A.

The report details the methodology that was used and provides assurance across critical services, projects and risks. The report includes details of any amber or red assurances.

The report also feeds into the assurances considered for the Annual Governance Statement, informs the Internal Audit Plan and Annual Internal audit report.

## **3. Organisational Impacts [**

- 3.1 There are no direct financial impacts.
- 3.2 There are no direct legal impacts.

## **4. Recommendation**

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

**Is this a key decision?** No

**Do the exempt information categories apply?** No

**Does Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules (call-in and urgency) apply?** No

**How many appendices does the report contain?** One

**List of Background Papers:** None

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