

Chair Reports to Full Council –

Audit and Standards Committee February 2021

External Auditor Progress Report

The Audit of the Council's Statement of Accounts was underway and although this was later than planned it was not out of line with other local authorities.

Annual Governance Statement (AGS)

The arrangements for the AGS for this year were presented and the impact of the change in administration on members assurance was discussed. The changes to assess the impact of Covid on the governance system was also discussed.

Internal Audit Report Update Quarter 2

This report outlined the work of internal audit and the current status of the plan. The impact of Covid in both the available resources and on new risks which required coverage was discussed.

Fraud Risk Assessment

The Council's fraud risks and controls were presented and the impact of Covid on the fraud risk considered. The national and local arrangements in respect of business grant fraud was discussed.

Strategic Risk Register

The updated Strategic Risk register for the Council was reviewed.

Complaint against a Councillor

The outcome of a complaint was presented to the Committee.