

**South Lakeland District Council**  
**Council**  
**Tuesday, 21 May 2019**  
**Chair of the Audit Committee's Annual Report**  
**2018/19**

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**Portfolio:** Cllr Stephen Coleman – Chair of Audit Committee  
**Report from:** Section 151 Officer  
**Report Author:** Helen Smith – Finance Lead Specialist (Section 151 Officer)  
**Wards:** Not applicable  
**Forward Plan:** Not applicable

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**1.0 Expected Outcome**

1.1 This report is presented to summarise the activities of the Audit Committee during the 2018/19 Council year.

**2.0 Recommendation**

**2.1 It is recommended that Council receives the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2018/19.**

**3.0 Background and Proposals**

3.1 The terms of reference of the Audit Committee require the Committee to report annually to Council on its work for the year. As well as informing Councillors generally, the report helps to demonstrate the continuing effectiveness of the Committee.

3.2 The attached report describes the Committee's work during 2018/19, grouped under functional headings. At its meeting on 9 April 2019, the Audit Committee gave consideration of the draft annual report and resolved to submit it to the next Council meeting.

3.3 For 2018/19 the following members served on Audit Committee:

Matt Brereton	Sheila Capstick
Stephen Coleman (Chairman)	Tracey Coward
Eamonn Hennessy	Kevin Lancaster
Matt Severn	Ian Stewart (Vice-Chairman)

Councillor Severn joined the Committee from the December 2018 meeting following the passing of Councillor Stewart.

**4.0 Consultation**

4.1 The draft annual report has been considered by Audit Committee

## 5.0 Alternative Options

5.1 The Committee's terms of reference require the Chairman to produce this report; its contents are subject to consideration by Members.

## 6.0 Links to Council Priorities

6.1 To develop and embed a high performance culture.

## 7.0 Implications

### Financial, Resources and Procurement

7.1 This report has no direct financial implications

### Human Resources

7.2 There are no direct human resources implications of this report.

### Legal

7.3 There are no direct legal implications of this report.

### Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

7.4 Have you completed a Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment? No

7.5 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This report is a corporate governance issue and has no direct social, economic and environmental impacts

### Equality and Diversity

7.6 Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis? No

7.7 If you have not completed an Impact Assessment, please explain your reasons: This report is a corporate governance issue and has no direct equality and diversity impacts.

### Risk

Risk	Consequence	Controls required
No discernible risks in the production of the report		

### Contact Officers

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### Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Committee Annual Report 2018/19

### Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
None	

### Tracking Information

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Legal Services	23/04/19

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Assistant Director	23/4/19
Human Resources Manager	N/A
Communications Team	N/A
Leader	N/A
Committee Chairman	23/4/19
Portfolio Holder	N/A
Ward Councillor(s)	N/A
Committee	09/04/19
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	21/4/19