

**South Lakeland District Council**  
**Council**  
**17 May 2017**  
**AUDIT COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2016/17**

<b>PORTFOLIO:</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>
<b>REPORT FROM:</b>	<b>Councillor Stephen Coleman - Chairman of the Audit Committee</b>
<b>REPORT AUTHOR:</b>	<b>Helen Smith – Financial Services Manager</b>
<b>WARDS:</b>	<b>Corporate issue</b>
<b>KEY DECISION:</b>	<b>Not applicable</b>

**1.0 EXPECTED OUTCOME**

1.1 This report is presented to summarise the activities of the Audit Committee during the 2016/17 Council year.

**2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

**2.1 It is recommended that Council receives the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2016/17.**

**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 draft report describes the Committee's work during 2016/17, grouped under functional headings. At its meeting on 20 April 2017, the Audit Committee gave consideration of the draft annual report and resolved to submit it to the next Council meeting.

3.3 For 2016/17 the following members served on Audit Committee:

Stephen Coleman

Stan Collins

Joss Curwen

Kevin Lancaster

Matt Severn

Ian Stewart

David Williams

#### 4.0 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

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

#### 5.0 LINKS TO COUNCIL PRIORITIES

5.1 To develop and embed a high performance culture.

#### 6.0 IMPLICATIONS

6.1.1 This report has no financial implications

#### 6.2 Human Resources

6.2.1 There are no human resources implications of this report.

#### 6.3 Legal

6.3.1 There are no legal implications of this report.

#### 6.4 Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

Have you completed and Health, Social, Economic and Environmental Impact Assessment?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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.	

#### 6.5 Equality and Diversity

Have you completed an Equality Impact Analysis?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If you have not completed an Equality Impact Analysis, please explain your reasons.	This report is a corporate governance issue and has no direct social, economic and environmental impacts.	

#### 6.6 Risk

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

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#### APPENDICES ATTACHED TO THIS REPORT

Appendix No.	
1	Audit Committee Annual Report 2016/17

## BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE

Name of Background document	Where it is available
None	

## TRACKING INFORMATION

Assistant Director	Portfolio Holder	Solicitor to the Council	SMT	Scrutiny Committee
28/3/17	n/a	28/3/17	30/3/17	n/a
Executive (Cabinet)	Committee	Council	Section 151 Officer	Monitoring Officer
n/a	20/4/17	17/5/17	28/3/17	28/3/17
Human Resource Services Manager	Leader	Ward Councillor(s)		
n/a	n/a	n/a		