

South Lakeland District Council

Audit Committee

9 April 2019

CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE'S ANNUAL REPORT 2018/19

PORTFOLIO:	not applicable
REPORT FROM:	Cllr Stephen Coleman - Chairman of the Audit Committee
REPORT AUTHOR:	Shelagh McGregor, CFO & Helen Smith – Financial Services Manager
WARDS:	Corporate Issue
KEY DECISION NO:	Not applicable

1.0 EXPECTED OUTCOME

- 1.1 This report is presented to summarise the activities of the Audit Committee during the current Council year

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that Audit Committee:-

(1) consider the draft report; and

(2) authorise the Chairman to submit it, with any agreed amendments, to Council.

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 2018/19, grouped under functional headings. For completeness, agenda items for this meeting are included in the report on the assumption that they will be accepted: if necessary, changes will be made to reflect any different outcome. The Council year has been chosen for reporting purposes although this means that some cases do not fit the normal reporting cycle.

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 Financial and Resources

6.1.1 This report has no direct financial implications

6.2 Human Resources

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

6.3 Legal

6.3.1 There are no direct legal implications of this report.

6.4 Health, Social, Economic and Environmental

6.4.1

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	

7.5 Equality and Diversity

7.5.1

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 equality and diversity impacts.	

7.6 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 2018/19

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
12/02/19	n/a	12/03/2018	n/a	n/a
Executive (Cabinet)	Committee	Council	Section 151 Officer	Monitoring Officer
n/a	9/04/19	21/05/19	12/02/19	12/03/2018
Human Resource Services Manager		Leader	Ward Councillor(s)	
n/a		n/a	n/a	