

**South Lakeland District Council**  
**Council**  
**Wednesday, 19 May 2021**  
**Chair of the Audit Committee's Annual Report**  
**2020/21**

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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:** (All Wards)  
**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 2020/21 Council year to satisfy Council that Audit Committee have carried out their terms of reference and have provided their role effectively.

**2.0 Recommendation**

**2.1 It is recommended that Council receives the Chair of the Audit Committee's Annual Report for 2020/21.**

**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 2020/21, grouped under functional headings. The Council year has been chosen for report purposes although this means that some cases do not fit the normal reporting cycle.

3.3 For 2020/21 the following members served on Audit Committee:

Stephen Coleman (Chairman)	Tracey Coward (Vice Chairman)
John Holmes	Kevin Holmes
Malcolm Lamb	Kevin Lancaster
Matt Severn	Chris Hogg

**4.0 Consultation**

4.1 The draft annual report was considered by Audit Committee on 22 April 2021.

**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		

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### Appendices Attached to this Report

Appendix No.	Name of Appendix
1	Committee Annual Report 2020/21

### Background Documents Available

Name of Background document	Where it is available
None	

### Tracking Information

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Committee	22/04/2021
Executive (Cabinet)	N/A
Council	N/A