

## **ANNUAL REPORT OF CHAIR**

### **Item AU 26/14 referred from Audit Committee of 13 April 2026**

The report of the Chairman of the Audit Committee aimed to inform the Council of the means by which the Committee had provided independent assurance to those charged with governance on the adequacy of the risk management framework, the internal control environment and the integrity of the financial reporting and annual governance processes. The report summarised the work carried out by the Committee during 2025/26 and concluded that the required independent assurance, as defined in the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Guidance, had been provided by the Audit Committee to those charged with governance.

In order to provide independent assurance to the Council, Councillor R Cannon proposed, seconded by Councillor J Lark, and it was

**RECOMMENDED\*:** That the Annual Report be presented to the Full Council to provide independent assurance on the adequacy of the risk management framework, the internal control environment and the integrity of the financial reporting and annual governance processes.

**\*Recommended to Council**