NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

COUNCIL – THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2026

Title of Report	**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**	
Presented by	Cllr J Simmons Audit and Governance Committee Chair	
Background Papers	N/A	**Public Report:** Yes
Financial Implications	There are no financial implications arising from this report.	
	Signed off by the Section 151 Officer: Yes	
Legal Implications	There are no legal implications arising from this report.	
	Signed off by the Interim Monitoring Officer: Yes	
Staffing and Corporate Implications	There are no staffing and corporate implications arising from this report.	
	Signed off by the Head of Paid Service: Yes	
Purpose of Report	To provide a summary of the work undertaken by the Audit and Governance Committee during the 2025/26 financial year. The Committee's Terms of Reference states that a report to Full Council is required on the Committee's performance and effectiveness.	
Recommendations	**THE COUNCIL NOTES THE DETAILS OF THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26, SUBJECT TO FURTHER COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE HELD ON 10 JUNE 2026.**	

1.0 BACKGROUND

1.1 The Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2025/26 is designed to inform the full Council of the Committee's activities during the financial year, and how it has discharged its responsibilities.

1.2 The Audit and Governance Committee is considering the Annual Report at its meeting on 10 June 2026, and therefore the report at Appendix A may be subject to change and an updated version will be provided at the meeting if required.

2.0 ANNUAL REPORT 2025/26

2.1 The production of an annual report by the Audit and Governance Committee is considered to be good practice by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). CIPFA's Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022, states that: To discharge its responsibilities effectively, the Committee should:

"report annually on how the Committee has complied with the position statement, discharged its responsibilities, and include an assessment of its performance. The report should be available to the public".

2.2 It is important that the wider membership of the Council is kept informed of the work to ensure sound control and governance. The report to Council is an essential part of this process.

2.3 The Annual Report of the Audit and Governance Committee 2025/26 is shown in Appendix 1. It summarises the activities of the Committee and demonstrates how it has discharged its duties. It highlights the achievements of the Committee and is a useful reminder to the organisation of the role of the Committee in providing assurance about its governance, risk management and financial controls.

2.4 The collaboration between the Audit Manager and the Audit and Governance Committee's chair, along with other Committee members, is a critical process in the drafting of the Annual Report. This cooperative effort ensures that the report is comprehensive, reflecting the organisation's financial health and adherence to regulatory requirements.

Policies and other considerations, as appropriate	
Council Priorities:	A well-run council
Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	None
Equalities/Diversity:	None
Customer Impact:	None
Economic and Social Impact:	None
Environment, Climate Change and zero carbon:	None
Consultation/Community Engagement:	Members of the Audit and Governance Committee have been consulted on the draft report.
Risks:	The Audit and Governance Committee has a leading role to play in ensuring that the Council's governance arrangements are effective and contribute to the mitigation of risks.
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