

Blaby District Council
Audit & Corporate Governance Committee

Date of Meeting 17 April 2023
Title of Report **CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022**
Report Author **Shared Service Audit Manager**

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform members of the publication of CIPFA's 2022 edition of Audit Committees: Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police and to consider best practice recommendations within the guidance.

2. Recommendation(s)

That the audit and corporate governance committee

- 2.1 Notes the report
- 2.2 Agrees to establish a cross party member working group, to be drawn from the audit and governance committee appointed at council on 23 May 2023, to work with the audit manager and the Strategic Director (S151 Officer) to undertake a self-assessment and training needs analysis and report back to the meeting of Audit and Corporate Governance Committee at the July meeting.
- 2.3 Agree the process for the recruitment of independent members to the committee.

3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 To ensure compliance with recommended good practice.

4. Matters to consider

- 4.1 Background

In May 2022, the Chartered Institute of Public Finance & Accountancy (CIPFA) published a revised and updated edition of the document *Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022*. In addition

to the statement CIPFA also released guidance documentation in October 2022 – *Audit committees: practical guidance for local authorities and police*.

The report identifies the main changes from the previous statement and proposes the in which the committee can ensure it is meeting the requirements of the statement.

4.1 Significant Issues

None.

5. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

5.1 No costs or opportunities for savings in the context of this report. There may be associated training costs for members.

6. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

6.1 There are no risks relating to this report.

7. Other options considered

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Other significant issues

8.1 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities, and Climate Local and there are no areas of concern.

9. Appendix

9.1 Appendix 1 – CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022.

10. Background paper(s)

Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022
(appendix A)

Audit committees: practical guidance for local authorities and police (to be circulated)

11. Report author's contact details

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