

Blaby District Council
Audit & Corporate Governance Committee

Date of Meeting	13 July 2023
Title of Report	CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police 2022 - Update
Report Author	Shared Service Audit Manager

1. What is this report about?

- 1.1 To update Members on the initial meeting of the CIPFA Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities Working Group, as agreed at Audit Committee on 17 April 2023.

2. Recommendation(s)

- 2.1 That the Audit and Corporate Governance notes the report.
- 2.2 That the proposed Action Plan be agreed.
- 2.3 Agrees the Person Specification/ Job Description for the co-opted Independent Members and the advertising of the posts.

3. Reason for Decision(s) Recommended

- 3.1 To ensure that the committee meets its statutory responsibilities for governance and internal control arrangements, financial management, financial reporting and internal control.

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*.

A report was presented to Audit & Corporate Governance Committee on 17 April 2023 proposing the initial steps to the implementation of the position 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 - Update.

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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