

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 6 MARCH 2018

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT

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ABSTRACT

This report outlines proposals to prepare an annual report to Council on the work undertaken by the Scrutiny and Audit committee during 2017/18.

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Committee:-

- (i) note the proposal to undertake a self-assessment and prepare an annual report to council for the year to 31 March 2018
- (ii) note that detailed information will be available for discussion and review at the meeting of this committee on 24 April 2018

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS LOCAL OUTCOMES IMPROVEMENT PLAN/CORPORATE PLAN

The proposals set out in this report will support the outcomes outlined in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan, Locality Plans and Council Plan, which focus on the economy, people and place.

3. BACKGROUND

Best practice guidance for audit committees is generally considered to be CIPFA's 2013 'Audit Committees Practical Guidance for Local Authorities and Police' (referred to in the rest of this report as 'the Guidance'). It incorporates CIPFA's 2013 Position Statement: Audit Committees in Local Authorities and Police, which sets out CIPFA's view of the role and functions of an audit committee.

The Guidance recommends that all audit committees should *'report regularly on their work, and at least annually report an assessment of their performance'*.

4. PROPOSAL

It is proposed that a self-assessment of the performance of the Scrutiny & Audit Committee be undertaken to inform a report to Council on the work undertaken by the committee during 2017/18. Detailed papers, including a draft annual report, will be submitted to this Committee for discussion and review at the meeting on 24 April 2018. Once the report has been approved by this Committee, it will be submitted to Council.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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