

ANGUS COUNCIL

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE – 19 JUNE 2018

SCRUTINY AND AUDIT COMMITTEE SELF-ASSESSMENT AND ANNUAL REPORT

REPORT BY MARGO WILLIAMSON, CHIEF EXECUTIVE

ABSTRACT

This report provides a draft 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) review the draft annual report for the year to 31 March 2018 and provide any comment
- (ii) determine whether any amendments are required in the light of issues discussed at this meeting
- (iii) note that the annual report will be signed by the Convener and will be submitted to the full Council after the recess.

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

The work of the Scrutiny and Audit Committee, summarised in the annual report, contributes to the achievement of the corporate priorities set out in the Local Outcomes Improvement Plan and the Council Plan.

3. BACKGROUND

Report 135/18 to this committee on 24 April 2018 advised that a facilitated meeting would be arranged for all Scrutiny & Audit Committee members to consider and complete two Cipfa self-assessment checklists (Good Practice and Evaluating the Effectiveness of the Audit Committee). The meeting took place on 30 April 2018, facilitated by the Audit Manager and the Manager-Governance, Risk & Scrutiny.

The Good Practice self-assessment confirmed a high level of compliance with the principles set out in the Cipfa guidance.

The Evaluation of Effectiveness checklist is intended to help committee members to consider where the committee is most effective and where there may be scope to do more. The committee has used the checklist to develop an action plan for 2018/19, which has been included within the annual report.

The updated annual report is attached at appendix 1.

4. PROPOSAL

Members are asked to consider whether the annual report should be amended to reflect any of the issues discussed at today's committee meeting. The report will then be finalised, signed by the Convener and submitted to Council after the recess.

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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Appendix 1: Scrutiny & Audit Committee Annual Report