

## COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2024-2025

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<b>Appendices (attached):</b>	<b>Appendix 1</b> – Committee Annual Report 2024-2025

### Summary

This report presents the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025 in accordance with the requirement of Paragraph 7.2 of Annex 4.6 of the Council's Operating Framework. It covers the work of the Committee between March 2024 and February 2025, and following agreement by the Committee, will be submitted to the next available agenda for Full Council.

### Recommendation (s)

#### The Committee is asked to:

- (1) Note the Annual Report of the Audit and Scrutiny Committee 2024-2025 (Appendix 1) and recommend submission to Full Council.**

## 1 Reason for Recommendation

- 1.1 Paragraph 7.2 of [Annex 4.6](#) of the Council's Operating Framework requires the Audit and Scrutiny Committee to report annually to the Full Council on its workings, recommendations for future work programmes and amended working methods if appropriate.

## 2 Background

- 2.1 Attached at Appendix 1 is the draft Annual Report 2024-2025, which looks back on the work of the Committee between March 2024 and February 2025. This meeting (27 March 2025) will be included in the next year's Annual Report 2025-2026.
- 2.2 The Annual Report 2024-2025 will be presented to the next meeting of Full Council.

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### 3 Risk Assessment

Legal or other duties

#### 3.1 Equality Impact Assessment

3.1.1 No direct impacts from this report.

#### 3.2 Crime & Disorder

3.2.1 No direct impacts from this report.

#### 3.3 Safeguarding

3.3.1 No direct impacts from this report.

#### 3.4 Dependencies

3.4.1 None.

#### 3.5 Other

3.5.1 None.

### 4 Financial Implications

4.1 There are no financial implications in this report.

4.2 **Section 151 Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

### 5 Legal Implications

5.1 There are no legal implications arising from this report.

5.2 **Legal Officer's comments:** None arising from the contents of this report.

### 6 Policies, Plans & Partnerships

6.1 **Council's Key Priorities:** The following Key Priorities are engaged:

- Effective Council – Engaging, responsive and resilient Council.

6.2 **Service Plans:** The matter is not included within the current Service Delivery Plan.

6.3 **Climate & Environmental Impact of recommendations:** No direct impacts from this report.

6.4 **Sustainability Policy & Community Safety Implications:** No direct implications from this report.

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6.5 **Partnerships:** No direct impact on partnerships from this report.

### 7 Background papers

7.1 The documents referred to in compiling this report are as follows:

#### **Previous reports:**

Annual Report of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee 2023-2024, 30 July 2024, Council. Online available: [Epsom and Ewell Democracy](#) [last accessed 11/02/2025].

#### **Other papers:**

- As referenced in Appendix 1.
- As referenced in Appendix 1 - [Financial Strategy Advisory Group – 31/01/25 - Public Draft Minutes \[Minute Item 17\]](#)