

**7.d REFERRAL FROM FINANCE, AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE 23 JUNE 2021:
FINANCE, AUDIT & RISK COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT**

RECOMMENDED TO COUNCIL: That the Annual Report of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee be noted.

REASON FOR DECISION:

- (1) To enable the Committee to consider the report before it is presented to Full Council.
- (2) To provide Full Council with assurance as to the effectiveness of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee.

The Service Director – Resources presented the report entitled Finance, Audit and Risk Committee Annual Report 2020-21 and drew the Committee’s attention to the contents of Appendix A, including:

- The Effectiveness of the Committee and the recommendations made by SIAS;
- The Service Director advised that in relation to training, Committee Members would receive a self-assessment by email which they were asked to complete in order for training to be tailored to the needs of the Committee; and
- The Service Director took Members through the Planned Work for 2021/22 and a summary of the reports that were due to be received by the Committee during the course of the Civic Year;
- The Service Director informed Members that the audit of the accounts would now not take place until November 2021. This meant that the approval of the accounts would take place in either December 2021 or January 2022.

The following Member asked questions:

- Councillor Clare Billing.

In response to questions, the Service Director advised that training would take place either face-to-face or remotely.

Councillor Sam Collins raised that there was an error in Appendix A in that he was listed as being appointed as a FAR Committee Member for the Civic Year 2020/21 and a substitute.

In response to this error, the Service Director advised that the final version would be corrected.

It was:

RESOLVED: That the Annual Report of the Finance, Audit and Risk Committee as attached at Appendix A be noted.

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