

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 5TH MARCH 2014

SUBJECT: ROLE OF SECTION 151 OFFICER

REPORT BY: ACTING DIRECTOR OF CORPORATE SERVICES AND S 151 OFFICER

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide information in respect of the role of the S151 Officer as requested by Audit Committee.

2. SUMMARY

2.1 The Appendix attached details the role of the S 151 Officer.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

3.1 Good governance arrangements should be embedded in the Authority.

4. THE REPORT

4.1 The Appendix attached details the role of the S 151 Officer. In addition, Members are reminded that the Council's Constitution sets out the statutory functions of the role of the S151 Officer.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

5.1 This report is for information purposes so the Council's Equalities Process does not need to be applied.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 There are no financial implications in respect of this report.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 There are no personnel implications in respect of this report.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 All consultation responses have been included in the report.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 Audit Committee note the contents of the Appendix attached.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To provide information requested by a member of the Audit Committee.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 Section 151 of the Local Government Act 1972.

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Background Papers:

Corporate Governance File

Appendices:

Appendix 1 The Role of the Chief Financial Officer