

MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL

COUNCIL

29 SEPTEMBER 2021

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE TO
BE HELD ON 28 SEPTEMBER 2021**

**AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT
TO COUNCIL 2020/21**

At its meeting to be held on 28 September 2021, the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee will be asked to agree its annual report to Council 2020/21.

The production and presentation of an annual report is required by the Committee's Terms of Reference. The purpose of the report is to outline where the Committee has gained assurance during the year, particularly over areas of governance, risk management, Standards, and internal control.

The annual report is attached as Appendix A.

The report concludes that based on the activity during the year, the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee can demonstrate it has appropriately and effectively fulfilled its duties during 2020/21. The Committee has continued to work in partnership with the Council's Internal Auditors, Finance Team, Senior Officers and appointed External Auditors to provide independent assurance to the Council on a wide range of risk, governance, internal control and conduct related issues.

The recommendation of the Committee will be reported orally at the meeting.

Background Documents

None

Appendices

Appendix A – Audit, Governance and Standards Committee Annual Report 2020/21