

**MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**COUNCIL**

**29 NOVEMBER 2023**

**REPORT OF THE AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE  
HELD ON 25 SEPTEMBER 2023**

**AUDIT, GOVERNANCE AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE – ANNUAL REPORT  
TO COUNCIL 2022/3**

At its meeting held on 25 September 2023, the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee agreed that the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee Annual Report to Council 2022/23, which demonstrates how the Committee discharged its duties during 2022/23, be approved for submission to the Council.

It is considered best practice for the Committee to produce an Annual Report looking back at the previous year to demonstrate to the Council how it has discharged its duties.

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 Report concludes that based on the activity during the year, the Committee can demonstrate that it has appropriately and effectively fulfilled its duties during 2022/23. The Committee has continued to work in partnership with the Council's Internal and External Auditors and to receive support from Officers. This has provided robust and effective independent assurance to the Council on a wide range of risk, governance, and internal control issues.

**RECOMMENDED:** That the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee Annual Report to Council 2022/23, which demonstrates how the Committee discharged its duties during 2022/23, be noted.

**Background Documents**

None

**Appendices**

Appendix A – Audit, Governance and Standards Committee Annual Report 2022/23