Open Report on behalf of Andrew Crookham, Executive Director of Resources	

Report to:	**Audit Committee**
Date:	**19 June 2023**
Subject:	**Information Assurance Annual Report 2022/23**

Summary:

The Information Assurance Annual Report summarises key activity undertaken by the Information Assurance Team during 2022/23.

It focuses on the following three core domains: data protection, records management, and information security.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Audit Committee:

1.   Considers the Information Assurance Annual Report and identifies any further information or action that may be required.

2.   Approves the content of the Information Assurance Annual Report.

Background

The annual Information Assurance Report provides an overview of key activity undertaken by the Information Assurance Team during 2022/23.

The report provides information on wide-ranging activity designed to identify and manage information risk and to promote effective governance across information in all its forms, throughout its lifecycle, from creation through to destruction.

It also demonstrates how information assurance is used as a framework to support the council in meeting its legal and regulatory obligations.

Conclusion

The content of the IA annual report can be used to conclude that:

- The primary risk remained a successful cyber-attack against the council which results in significant negative impact. The ever-present threat from

cyber-criminals, which is not unique to the council, has required constant focus and response throughout the year.

- Activity designed to reduce risk across hard copy records continues to successfully achieve its intended outcomes, however there remains significant effort before the risk falls within tolerance.

- Record levels of engagement have allowed more opportunities for the Information Assurance Team to support colleagues in identifying and managing information risk.

- Effective processes are in place to respond to security incidents and data protection complaints and infringements.

- The Information Assurance service remained highly visible and is contributing to a positive information culture within the organisation, ensuring meaningful support is provided to assist the delivery of effective council services.

Consultation

a) Risks and Impact Analysis

N/A

Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Information Assurance Annual report 2022/23

Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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