

### **Recommendation from the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee**

At a meeting of the Audit, Governance and Standards Committee held on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2023 Members agreed the following recommendations for the consideration of the Executive Committee during consideration of the Financial Compliance Report

#### **RECOMMENDED:**

**In relation to the proposed plans by the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities (DLUHC) to tackle the backlog in local government audits by setting statutory deadlines for historic accounts to be cleared:**

- 1) That the Executive Committee ensure that the possibility of legislation being passed to speed up the local authority audit process be noted on the Council's Corporate Risk Register;**
- 2) That the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Enabling be asked to lobby the Government through the Local Government Association (LGA) to provide a timeframe for when this legislation is to come into effect.**