

Assessment scores:						
1-Hardly ever/Poor/Definitely disagree	2- Occasionally/Inadequately/Partly disagree					
3 - Most of the time/Satisfactory/Partly agree	4 - All of the time/Good/Definitely agree		N/A - Not applicable		Number of Responses	
	N/A	1	2	3	4	Average Score
CORE AREAS OF KNOWLEDGE						
1 Members with appropriate skills and experience						
The Audit Committee should comprise members with an appropriate mix of skills and experience, including some relevant financial experience.						
				2	2	3.5
2 Clear terms of reference						
There are clear, up to date terms of reference, with clarity as to the committee's role in relation to the council and other committees						
			3	1		3.25
3 Structured and appropriate annual agenda						
There is a structured annual agenda of matters to be covered, with focus on the right areas.						
			1	3		3.75
4 Sufficient number of meetings and access to resources						
The number and length of meetings and access to resources is sufficient to allow the committee fully to discharge its duties.						
		1	2	1		3
5 Concise, relevant and timely information						
Audit Committee papers are concise, relevant and permit timely resolution of the issues raised						
		2	1	1		2.75
6 The right people are invited to attend and present at meetings						
Senior officers and others are asked to present on issues as appropriate.						
	1	1	1	1		2.5
7 Attendance and contribution to meetings						
All Audit Committee members attend and actively contribute at meetings						
	1	2	1			2
8 Sufficient time and commitment to undertake responsibilities						
As an Audit Committee member I have sufficient time and commitment to fulfil my responsibilities						
			2	2		3.5
9 On-going personal development						
Audit Committee members have access to on-going development activities to update their skills and knowledge.						
			1	3		3.75
10 Understanding the Council's business						
The Audit Committee has a good understanding of the different risks inherent in the council's business activities.						
			3	1		3.25
11 Focus on appropriate areas						
The Audit Committee focuses on the right questions and is effective in avoiding minutia						
			4			3
12 Understanding of how assurance is gained						
The Audit Committee understands the relationship between the various sources of assurance available to it.						
			3	1		3.25
13 Quality of interaction with external audit						
The Audit Committee actively engages with the external auditors regarding the scope of their work and audit findings.						
	1	1	2			2.25
14 Quality of interaction with internal audit						
The Audit Committee demonstrates an appropriate degree of involvement in the work of internal audit and its findings.						
			3	1		3.25

15 Frank, open working relationship with senior officers						
Audit Committee members have a frank and open relationship with senior officers, whilst avoiding the temptation to act as officers.				1	3	3.75
16 Open channels of communication						
The Audit Committee has open channels of communication with officers and other members to keep it aware of topical/regulatory issues.				2	2	3.5
17 Rigour of debate						
Audit Committee meetings encourage a high quality of debate with robust and probing discussions.				3	1	3.25
18 Reaction to bad news						
The Audit Committee responds positively and constructively to bad news to encourage future transparency.		2		1	1	2.25
19 Perceived to have a positive impact						
There is an appropriate balance between the monitoring role and the Committee acting as an "influencer for good".			1	3		2.75
20 Quality of chairmanship						
The Chair promotes effective and efficient meetings, with an appropriate level of involvement outside the formal meetings.				1	3	3.75
21 How do we know that we are being effective in achieving our terms of reference and adding value to the corporate governance of the Authority?						
<i>The Committee members are informed of progress via the reports presented and seems to follow the Audit Journey but need understand better how they add value to the corporate governance of the Authority</i>						
22 How do we know what impact we are having?						
<i>The Committee is informed of progress and possible changes. However the majority of Councillors have not been Committee members long enough to be able to comment on the Committee's impact and review previous issues to ensure good performance.</i>						
<i>The impact can be assessed from consulting with Councillors, listening to their concerns and then improving.</i>						
23 What do we do well as a committee?						
<i>There is good communications between Members and Officers, and members are comfortable asking questions to improve and develop their understanding of more complex issues and act accordingly.</i>						
24 What could we do differently or better as a Committee?						
<i>Time and consistency of membership will allow growth of knowledge and Member confidence.</i>						