
Meeting:	Transport for the North Audit and Governance Committee
Subject:	Cover Report for the A & G Committee Annual Report to TfN Board
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1. Purpose of the Report:

- 1.1 For the Audit & Governance Committee to review the draft report of the Chair of the Audit & Governance Committee summarising the Committee's activities and recommending the approval of the 2023/24 Statutory Accounts which include the 2023/24 Annual Governance Statement. This report will be presented to the Transport for the North Board on 9 December.

2. Recommendations:

- 2.1 That the Committee considers the report and recommends its submission to the Transport for the North Board.

3. Executive Summary:

- 3.1 The terms of reference of the Audit & Governance Committee are set out in the Transport for the North Constitution. The appendices to the report include the terms of reference in extract and a summary of the activity that the Committee has undertaken under each item.
- 3.2 The draft report describes the work that the Committee has undertaken, including consideration of the reports that have been received from RSM as Transport for the North's Internal Auditors.
- 3.3 In addition, the report summarises the work done in relation to the Statutory Accounts and Annual Governance Statement and recommends these documents to the Transport for the North Board for approval.

4. Corporate Considerations:

Financial Implications

- 4.1 The financial implications are detailed in the report

Resource Implications

- 4.2 There are no resource implications as a result of the report.

Legal Implications

- 4.3 Any legal implications are contained in the body of this report.

Risk Management and Key Issues

- 4.4 Transport for the North manage a corporate risk in relation to compliance with good practice, governance, and corporate processes.

Environmental Implications

- 4.5 A full impact assessment has not been carried out because it is not required for this report. Any environmental implications will be covered within the auditors reports.

Equality and Diversity

4.6 An assessment has not been carried out because it is not required for this report.

Consultations

4.7 A consultation has not been carried out because it is not necessary for this report.

5. Background Papers:

5.1 There are no background papers to this report.

6. Appendices:

- 6.1 Appendix 1 – Audit Committee Annual Report
- Appendix 2 – Audit Committee Terms of Reference
- Appendix 3 – Audit Committee Terms of Reference Activity