

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

REPORT TO:	Audit Committee		
DATE:	7 August 2023		
TITLE:	Annual Internal Audit Opinion 2022/23		
TYPE OF REPORT:	Update		
PORTFOLIO(S):	All		
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OPEN/EXEMPT	Open	WILL BE SUBJECT TO A FUTURE CABINET REPORT:	No

REPORT SUMMARY/COVER PAGE

PURPOSE OF REPORT/SUMMARY:
<p>The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require that “a relevant authority must undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector internal auditing standards or guidance”.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those standards – the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards - require the Chief Audit Executive to provide a written report to those charged with governance (known in this context as the Audit Committee) to support the Annual Governance Statement (AGS). This report must set out: • The opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council’s framework of governance, risk management and control during 2022/23, together with reasons if the opinion is unfavourable; • A summary of the internal audit work carried from which the opinion is derived, the follow up of management action taken to ensure implementation of agreed action as at financial year end and any reliance placed upon third party assurances; • Any issues that are deemed particularly relevant to the Annual Governance Statement (AGS); • Details of internal and external assessments undertaken to provide assurance over the compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards including details of performance and continuous improvement.
KEY ISSUES:
<p>The Internal Audit Opinion for Governance, Risk Management and Control for 2022/23 is reasonable overall. It is recommended that any significant and outstanding internal audit actions are referenced in the council’s annual governance statement.</p>
OPTIONS CONSIDERED:

Not applicable

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Audit Committee are requested to receive and approve the Annual Internal Audit Opinion report 2022/23.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS:

In receiving and noting this report, the Committee is ensuring that the Internal Audit Service remains compliant with professional auditing standards and demonstrating that its terms of reference are being fulfilled.