



REPORT TO: AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE ON 27 JUNE 2023

SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT – 2022/23

BY: AUDIT AND RISK MANAGER

1. REASON FOR REPORT

- 1.1** To provide Committee with a copy of the Internal Audit Annual Report for the year ended 31 March 2023, together with the Audit and Risk Manager's opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the council's system of internal control.
- 1.2** This report is submitted to Committee in terms of Section III (2) and (7) of the Council's Scheme of Administration relating to consideration of reports from the Council's Internal Auditor and monitoring delivery of the audit service carried out by Internal Audit.

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 That Committee considers the contents of the annual report given as Appendix 1 to this report and seeks clarification on any matters relating thereto.**

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1** The purpose of this report is to present to the Audit and Scrutiny Committee the Internal Audit Annual Report for the year to 31 March 2023, which includes the Audit and Risk Manager's independent assurance opinion on the adequacy of the Council's overall control environment.
- 3.2** The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) requires the Chief Audit Executive (CAE), the Council's Audit and Risk Manager, to provide an annual internal audit opinion and report on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's governance, risk management and internal controls to support the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement.
- 3.3** To meet the requirements of the PSIAS, the Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23, at **Appendix 1**, includes the annual Internal Audit opinion and provides details of the Internal Audit activity and performance during the year.

4. SUMMARY OF IMPLICATIONS

(a) Corporate Plan and 10 Year Plan (Local Outcome Improvement Plan (LOIP))

Internal audit work supports good governance and the delivery of efficient services.

(b) Policy and Legal

No implications.

(c) Financial Implications

No implications directly arising from this report.

(d) Risk Implications

The independent review of selected systems and procedures mitigates the risks associated with inadequate or ineffective control procedures.

(e) Staffing Implications

No implications.

(f) Property

No implications.

(g) Equalities/ Socio Economic Impacts

No implications.

(h) Climate Change and Biodiversity Impacts

No implications.

(i) Consultations

There have been no direct consultations during the preparation of this report.

5. CONCLUSION

5.1 The Internal Audit annual report provides a summary overview of the nature and extent of audit work carried out during the year to inform the audit opinion on the internal control environment operating within the Council.

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Background Papers:

Internal audit files

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