

Audit and Risk Committee

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Report title	Internal Audit Plan 2024-2025	
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Recommendation for decision:

The Audit and Risk Committee is recommended to:

1. Review and approve the risk based internal audit plan for 2024-2025.

1.0 Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of internal audit is to provide the Council with an independent and objective opinion on risk management, control and governance and their effectiveness in achieving the Council's agreed objectives.
- 1.2 The purpose of this document is to provide the Council with a risk-based internal audit plan, incorporating a strategic statement for internal audit, and based upon an assessment of assurance needs. The assessment of assurance needs exercise is undertaken to identify the systems of control and determine the frequency of audit coverage. The assessment will be used to direct internal audit resources to those aspects of the Council which are assessed as generating the greatest risk to the achievement of its objectives.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 Internal audit is a statutory requirement for all Local Authorities. The audit service provided to the Council is in accordance with the Local Government Act (1972), the Accounts and Audit Regulations Act and the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

3.0 Progress, options, discussion, etc.

- 3.1 Progress against the delivery of the internal audit plan will be reported back to the Audit and Risk Committee on a quarterly basis.

4.0 Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications arising from the recommendations in this report. The audit plan detailed will be implemented using current budgeted internal audit resources.
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5.0 Legal implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications arising from the recommendations in this report.
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6.0 Equalities implications

- 6.1 Equalities form part of the wider Audit Universe that is considered as part of the formulation of the internal audit plan. Equalities issues may also form part of individual audit reviews where appropriate.

7.0 All other implications

- 7.1 There are no other implications arising from the recommendations in this report.

8.0 Schedule of background papers

8.1 None. Please see appendices to this report.