



**Governance and Audit
Committee**

Tuesday, 25 July 2023

Subject: Internal Audit Annual Report 2022/23

Report by:

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Management – Lincolnshire County Council

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Purpose / Summary:

This report gives the Head of Internal Audit's
opinion on the adequacy of the Council's,
Governance, Risk and Control environment and
opinion of the Internal Audit Plan for 2022/23.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That the Committee consider the Head of Audit's Annual Report and Opinion for 2022/2023 and identifies any actions it requires.
2. That the Committee take into account this Annual Report and the Head of Internal Audit's opinion when finalising the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2022/2023 at a future meeting

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None.

Financial : FIN/37/24/GA/SL

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Staffing : None.

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

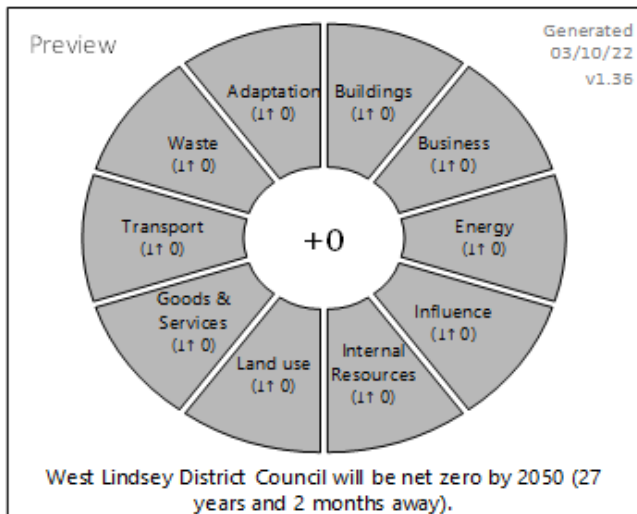
None.

Data Protection Implications :

None.

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

None directly arising from this report.



Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

None.

Health Implications:

None.

Title and Location of any Background Papers used in the preparation of this report :

None.

Risk Assessment :

None.

Call in and Urgency:

Is the decision one which Rule 14.7 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply?

i.e. is the report exempt from being called in due to urgency (in consultation with C&I chairman)

Yes

No

X

Key Decision:

A matter which affects two or more wards, or has significant financial implications

Yes

No

X

Executive Summary

1. The Annual Internal Audit Report aims to present a summary of the audit work undertaken over the past year. In particular:
 - Include an opinion on the overall adequacy of and effectiveness of the governance framework and internal control system and the extent to which the Council can rely on it;
 - Inform how the plan was discharged and of overall outcomes of the work undertaken;
 - Draw attention to any issues particularly relevant to the Annual Governance Statement.

2. Our internal audit service continues to work well with the Governance and Audit Committee and Management to help the Council maintain effective governance, risk and control processes.

3. The Full Report can be found in Appendix 1.