



**Governance & Audit
Committee**

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Subject: Internal Audit Annual Report 2023/24

Report by:

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Purpose / Summary:

This report gives the Head of Internal Audit's
annual opinion for 2023/24 on the adequacy and
effectiveness of the Council's governance, risk
and control framework.

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1. That the Committee considers the Head of Internal Audit's Annual Report and opinion for 2023/24 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 considering the Council's Annual Governance Statement 2023/24.

IMPLICATIONS

Legal: None directly arising from this report.

Financial : FIN/35/25/PD

There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

Staffing : None arising from this report

Equality and Diversity including Human Rights :

None arising from this report

Data Protection Implications :

None arising from this report

Climate Related Risks and Opportunities:

None arising from this report

Section 17 Crime and Disorder Considerations:

None arising from this report

Health Implications:

None arising from this report

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

None

Risk Assessment :

N/A

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

Key Decision:

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

Yes

No

Executive Summary

1. The Annual Internal Audit Report aims to present a summary of the audit work undertaken over the past year. In particular:
 - An opinion of the overall adequacy 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 has worked with the Governance and Audit Committee and the Council's management over the last financial year to help maintain effective governance, risk and control processes.

3. The full report can be found in Appendix 1