

Corporate Governance and Standards Committee Report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Director of Resources

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Internal Audit progress report and Head of Internal Audit Opinion 2020-21

Executive Summary

An Internal Audit progress report including the Head of Internal Audit Opinion for 2020-21 by KPMG is presented at Appendix 1.

Recommendation to Committee

The Committee is requested to note the summary of audit reports for the period 1 January to 31 March 2021 and note the recommendations arising from the governance reports and the Head of Internal Audit Opinion.

Reason for Recommendation:

To ensure good governance arrangements and internal control by undertaking an adequate level of audit coverage.

Is the report (or part of it) exempt from publication? No

1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To present a summary of audit work completed since the last meeting.

2. Strategic Priorities

2.1 The audit of Council services supports the priority of providing efficient, cost effective and relevant quality public services that give the community value for money.

3. Background

- 3.1 The Audit Plan for 2020-21 is now being delivered by Neil Hewitson from KPMG who is the Council's outsourced internal audit manager for the three financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. A copy of their audit report for the period 1 January to 31 March 2021 is attached as Appendix 1.

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

6. Human Resource Implications

- 6.1 There are no financial implications as a result of this report.

7. Conclusion

- 7.1 The summary of internal audit reports is presented at Appendix 1.

8. Background Papers

None

9. Appendices

Appendix 1: Internal Audit progress report