

Corporate Governance and Standards Committee Report

Ward(s) affected: All

Report of Section 151 Officer

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Internal Audit progress report (April 2022 – March 2023)

Executive Summary

Appendix 1 presents a report from our internal audit contractor, KPMG on progress against their audit plan for 2022-23 and a summary of audit findings from the reviews undertaken during the period April 2022 to March 2023.

Recommendation to Committee

The Committee is requested to note the Internal Audit Progress Report to March 2023, attached as Appendix 1, together with the key findings from the reviews undertaken since the last report to the Committee.

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 Council's Internal Audit Plan for 2022-23 is being delivered by Neil Hewitson from KPMG, who is the Council's outsourced internal audit manager. The contract with KPMG covers the three financial years 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23. A copy of their final progress report and a summary of audit findings from the reviews undertaken in the period April 2022 to March 2023 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 legal implications as a result of this report.

6. Human Resource Implications

- 6.1 There are no HR 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 – March 2023