



REPORT of DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

to
PERFORMANCE, GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
25 FEBRUARY 2021

INTERNAL AUDIT DRAFT ANNUAL PLAN – 2021/22

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To present for consideration and approval by the Committee the following report issued by BDO LLP, the Council's internal audit service provider:-
- Internal Audit Draft Annual Plan – 2021/22 at **APPENDIX 1.**

2. RECOMMENDATION

That the Committee considers, comments and approves the Internal Audit Draft Annual Plan – 2021/22 at **APPENDIX 1.**

3. SUMMARY OF KEY ISSUES

- 3.1 BDO LLP are the Council's contracted Internal Audit Service provider. The Partner, Mr. Greg Rubins, fulfils an equivalent role to that of Head of Internal Audit.
- 3.2 The Internal Audit Service is there to provide assurance to the Director of Resources, Management and Members of the adequacy of internal controls and checks in the organisation and to highlight any risks that the Council may be exposed to in its overall and day to day operations.
- 3.3 As such, Internal Audit is independent of Management and operates, performs to and is measured against The UK Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) issued by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA). In addition CIPFA has also issued a Statement on the Role of the Head of Internal Audit.
- 3.4 The report attached in the appendix will be presented to the Committee and discussed by Mr. Greg Rubins or his representative on his behalf.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This report together with the report attached as an appendix allows the Committee to fulfil its remit of overseeing governance.

5. IMPACT ON STRATEGIC THEMES

- 5.1 Internal Audit cuts across the delivery of all the Strategic Themes of the Council.

6. IMPLICATIONS

- (i) **Impact on Customers** – any impact on customers will be highlighted with the reports in the appendices.
- (ii) **Impact on Equalities** – any impact on equalities will be highlighted with the reports in the appendices if it is within the scope of the audit work carried out.
- (iii) **Impact on Risk** – Any risks identified as a result of the findings of the internal audit work are highlighted with the individual reports and summarised in the Progress Update and Follow Up of recommendations reports.
- (iv) **Impact on Resources (financial)** – Same comment applies here as for Impact on Risk above.
- (v) **Impact on Resources (human)** – Same comment applies here as for Impact on Risk above.
- (vi) **Impact on the Environment** – Same comment applies here as for Impact on Risk above.

Background papers: None.

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