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| SUBJECT: | INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT |
| REPORT BY: | CHIEF EXECUTIVE AND TOWN CLERK |
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1. Purpose of Report

1.1 To present the Internal Audit Progress Report to the Audit Committee, incorporating the overall position reached so far, and summaries of the outcomes of audits completed during the period.

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The report highlights progress against the audit plan.

3. Background

3.1 A key requirement of public sector internal audit standards is that Internal Audit should report progress periodically to those charged with governance. The Audit Committee has within its terms of reference the responsibility for receiving a regular progress report from Internal Audit on the delivery of the Internal Audit Plan. The latest progress report for 2021-22 is attached as the appendix to this report.

3.2 Internal Audit Progress Report

3.3 The Internal Audit progress report attached (Appendix A) covers the following areas :-

- Progress against the plan
- Summary of Audit work
- Current areas of interest relevant to the Audit Committee

4. Organisational Impacts

4.1 Finance (including whole life costs where applicable)

There are no direct financial implications arising as a result of this report.

4.2 Legal Implications including Procurement Rules

There are no direct legal implications arising as a result of this report.

4.3 Equality, Diversity & Human Rights

The Public Sector Equality Duty means that the Council must consider all individuals when carrying out their day-to-day work, in shaping policy, delivering

services and in relation to their own employees.

It requires that public bodies have due regard to the need to:

- Eliminate discrimination
- Advance equality of opportunity
- Foster good relations between different people when carrying out their activities.

There are no direct E and D implications arising as a result of this report.

5. Recommendation

5.1 The Audit Committee is asked to review and comment on the content of the latest Internal Audit Progress Report for 2021-22.

Key Decision No

Do the Exempt Information Categories Apply? No

Call in and Urgency: Is the decision one to which Rule 15 of the Scrutiny Procedure Rules apply? No

How many appendices does the report contain? One

List of Background Papers: None

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