



AGENDA ITEM:

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE:

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Report of: Corporate Director of Transformation, Housing & Resources

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SUBJECT: INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION 2022/23

Wards affected: Borough wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To present the 2022/23 Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion for consideration.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That the Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion for 2022/23 be noted.

3.0 BACKGROUND

3.1 The United Kingdom Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require the Internal Audit Manager to deliver an annual opinion and report. Consideration of the report is included in this Committee's Terms of Reference.

3.2 The report identifies matters which the Corporate Compliance and Governance Manager considers relevant to Member's consideration of the Annual Governance Statement and Statement of Accounts.

4.0 SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

4.1 Based upon the work undertaken by Internal Audit in respect of 2022/23 the opinion of the Corporate Compliance and Governance Manager on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation's framework of governance, risk management and control is moderate assurance.

5.0 SUSTAINABILITY IMPLICATIONS/COMMUNITY STRATEGY

5.1 There are no significant sustainability impacts associated with this report and, in particular, no significant impact on crime and disorder.

6.0 FINANCIAL AND RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

6.1 All activity referred to in this report is covered by existing budget provisions.

7.0 RISK ASSESSMENT

7.1 This Annual Report is a key element of assurance to this Committee that risks are being properly managed to increase the likelihood that the Council will achieve its overall objectives.

Background Documents

There are no background documents (as defined in Section 100D(5) of the Local Government Act 1972) to this Report.

Equality Impact Assessment

The decision does not have any direct impact on members of the public, employees, elected members and / or stakeholders. Therefore no Equality Impact Assessment is required.

Appendices

Appendix 1. - Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2022-23.