

Internal Audit Plan and Charter 2020-21

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Purpose of the Report

This report introduces the Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21 and also incorporates the 'Internal Audit Charter' which sets out the operational relationship between SSDC and the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP).

The Assistant Director for SWAP, together with the Council's S151 Officer and in consultation with the Senior Leadership Team, has produced an Audit Plan for 2020/21 that requires the approval of the Audit Committee. This plan will require further changes once a more in-depth evaluation has been carried out on the impact of Covid-19 and therefore will remain a flexible plan to deal with shifts in priorities or new and emerging risks. Any changes to the plan will be reported to this Committee.

Recommendations

- 1) That the Audit Committee approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21 (Appendix 1 in the attached document)
- 2) The Audit Committee approve the Internal Audit Charter (Appendix 2 in the attached document)

Background

It is a requirement that the Audit Committee approve the annual Internal Audit Plan and Audit Charter. Failure to gain independent assurance over the internal control arrangements of the Council's activities, using a risk-based methodology, impacts negatively (i.e. financial, reputational, operational) on the Council.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with these recommendations.

Background Papers: None
