

Internal Annual Opinion Report 2020-21

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Purpose of the Report

This report provides an update on the position of the Internal Audit Plan at the end of 2020/21 and also provides Internal Audit's overall 'Opinion' on the systems of governance, risk management and internal control at South Somerset District Council.

Public Interest

The Head of Internal Audit (SWAP Assistant Director) should provide a written annual report to those charged with governance to support the Authority's Annual Governance Statement (AGS).

Recommendations

1. Members are asked to note the Annual Opinion on the effectiveness of governance, risk management and internal control in the delivery of SSDC objectives.

Background

The Audit Committee agreed the original 2020/21 Internal Audit Plan at its May 2020 meeting, with progress updates provided during the year.

This report summarises the work of the Council's Internal Audit Service and provides:

- A summary of the key risks that were identified during the 2020/21 financial year.
- A schedule of audits completed during the period, detailing their respective assurance opinion rating, the number of recommendations and the respective priority rankings of these.

The Audit Opinion for 2020/21 is contained within the attached SWAP report.

Report Detail

Please refer to the attached SWAP Annual Opinion Report 2020-21

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with these recommendations.

Council Plan Implications

Delivery of corporate objectives requires strong internal control. The attached report provides a summary of the audit work carried out to date this year by the Council's internal auditors, SWAP Internal Audit Services.

Carbon Emissions and Climate Change Implications

There are no implications arising from this report.

Equality and Diversity Implications

There are no implications arising from this report.

Background Papers

- Internal Audit Plan and Charter 2020-21 May 2020
 - Internal Audit Progress Update Report July 2020
 - Internal Audit Progress Update Report October 2020
 - Internal Audit Progress Update Report January 2021
 - Internal Audit Progress Update Report March 2021
 - Internal Audit Outturn Report May 2021
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