

Audit Committee

This report summarises the items considered by the Audit Committee since the last report to Council in mid March 2020. Since the last report, the Audit Committee has met on 14 May, 25 June and 30 July (the March meeting was cancelled due to the start of the pandemic lockdown restrictions).

Below are the items that have been considered – for more information about the items please refer to the reports and minutes viewable on the website at:

<http://modgov.southsomerset.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=135&Year=0>

14 May

- External Audit Plan for 2019/20
- Informing the Audit Risk Assessment 2019/20
- Internal Audit Plan and Charter 2020-21
- Civil Contingencies & Whistleblowing Update
- Health & Safety Update
- Financial Procedure Rules (was deferred to the July meeting)

25 June

- Internal Audit Outturn Report 2019/20
- Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2019/20
- 2019/20 Treasury Management Activity Report

30 July – the most recent meeting (draft minutes will be available shortly after this full Council agenda is published), members considered the following items:

- Internal Audit Annual Activity Report 2020/21, and noted the progress made in delivery of the plan. Members also requested an additional meeting of Audit Committee be arranged for 10 September to receive an update report regarding the impact of Covid.
- SWAP Independent External Assessment Report 2020, and noted the report.
- Review of Effectiveness of Internal Audit 2019/20, and noted the findings of the review and opinions of the S.151 Officer and Deputy S.151 Officer.
- Financial Procedure Rules, and recommended they be approved by full Council and also that they be reviewed at least annually.

The next meeting of the Audit Committee is scheduled for 2.00pm on 10 September 2020.

Martin Carnell
Chairman of Audit Committee
