

SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of: Head of Internal Audit for South Holland DC

To: Governance and Audit Committee 26 November 2020

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Subject: Annual Plan for Internal Audit Activity

Purpose: This report sets out the revised annual plan for internal audit activity for 2020/21.

Recommendation(s):

- 1) That members note the revised internal audit plan of work for 2020/21.

1.0 BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Governance and Audit Committee receives the annual internal audit plan. This report forms part of the overall reporting requirements to assist the Council in discharging its responsibilities in relation to the internal audit activity.
- 1.2 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require the Chief Audit Executive to report to the Governance and Audit Committee the performance of internal audit relative to its agreed plan, including any significant risk exposures and control issues. The frequency of reporting at South Holland is annually.

2.0 CURRENT PROGRESS

- 2.1 The revised Annual Internal Audit Plan 2020/21 is shown within the report.

3.0 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 The Governance and Audit Committee are requested to receive and note the Annual Plan on Internal Audit Activity. In doing so, the Committee is ensuring that the Internal Audit Service remains compliant with professional auditing standards and are fulfilling their terms of reference.

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Corporate Priorities

- 4.1.1 Internal Audit helps to ensure that the service areas reviewed and ensuring that they are working towards the efficient and effective delivery of the Council's corporate priorities.

4.2 Financial

- 4.2.1 The Internal Audit Plan is being delivered within the approved budget for 2020/21.

4.3 Risk Management

44.3.1 Internal Audit planning starts with the Council's key risks, which then directs the audit plan for the financial year. Internal Audit reports then identify risks and control weaknesses within the Council which are highlighted in this report, with appropriate management action being agreed to mitigate these risks within agreed timeframes.

Background papers: - None

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Key Decision: No

Exempt Decision: No

Appendices attached to this report: Internal Audit Annual Plan of Activity