



Committee report

Committee	AUDIT COMMITTEE
Date	18 FEBRUARY 2019
Title	ANNUAL INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN 2019-20
Report of	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. This report is to present the provisional Annual Audit Plan for 2019-20 for approval as required under the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS). As agreed with this committee, assurance mapping and a review of Internal Audit's risk rating will be carried out in quarter one, with any results informing an amendment to the final plan. In addition discussions with the relevant Directors for Adult's and Children's services will also have been carried out and therefore any audits in these areas will also be added.

BACKGROUND

2. On an annual basis the Chief Internal Auditor is required to produce an Annual Plan that translates into a schedule of audit assignments. The plan defines the areas for review and must provide a sufficient review of the Authority's functions in order to form an annual opinion on the effectiveness of the control framework. The plan must be proportionate to the risk exposure and appropriately aligned to the strategic objectives of the Council.
3. The 2019-20 Annual Audit Plan, will be reviewed at the end of quarter one and three, in order to take into account the results of the assurance mapping work along with any change in priorities and risk. Any changes will be represented to this committee for approval.

CONSULTATION

4. Consultation has taken place with the Chief Executive, s151 Officer, Monitoring Officer, all relevant Directors of the Council and the Chair of this committee. In addition to this discussions have also been held with the External Auditors.

FINANCIAL / BUDGET IMPLICATIONS

5. With effect from 1 April 2019 the provision for Internal Audit Services & Counter Fraud will be provided in-house supported by a shared service agreement with Portsmouth City Council. The annual cost for 2019-20 has decreased from £216,020 to £196,000.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. There are no direct legal implications of this report. The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 state 'a relevant body must undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account the Public Sector Internal Auditing Standards'.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

7. The council has a legal duty under the Equality Act 2010 to seek to eliminate discrimination, victimisation and harassment in relation to age, disability, gender re-assignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation and marriage and civil partnership. It is considered that there are no direct equality and diversity implications of this report for any of the protected groups. The council is required to have adequate governance arrangements in place to effectively manage its resources.

RISK MANAGEMENT

8. The council has a duty to ensure that it has an effective internal audit section in place and that it complies with the PSIAS and by not approving an Annual Audit Plan the committee would not be fulfilling its obligations under statute.

RECOMMENDATION

9. To approve the provisional Annual Internal Audit Plan for 2019-20 as required under the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.

APPENDICES ATTACHED

[Appendix A - Provisional Annual Internal Audit Plan 2019-20](#)

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