

Report to: **Cabinet**

Date: **23 April 2019**

By: **Chief Operating Officer**

Title of report: **Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan 2019/20**

Purpose of report: **To present the Council's Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan 2019/20**

RECOMMENDATIONS

Cabinet is recommended to review and agree the Council's Internal Audit Strategy and Plan 2019/20

1. Background

1.1 The Council's Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Plan 2019/20 (Annex A) sets out how the Council will meet its statutory requirements for internal audit, as defined within the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. The Strategy proposes an approach based on focussing audit resources in those areas where the highest risk to the achievement of the Council's objectives lies. These areas have been identified and prioritised based on the Council's own risk assessment processes (including the Strategic Risk Register) and following extensive consultation with officers, Members and other stakeholders.

1.2 A workshop was held with Members of the Audit Committee on 30 January 2019 and comments made have been fed into the planning process.

Supporting Information

2.1 The Strategy and Plan will be delivered in line with proper internal audit practices as set out within Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS).

2.2 The Internal Audit Charter sets out the scope and responsibility of internal audit.

3. Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 Cabinet is asked to review and agree the Internal Audit Strategy and Plan 2019/20 which was previously endorsed by the Audit Committee at its meeting on 25 March 2019.

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BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Internal Audit Strategy and Annual Audit Plan 2019/20