



Report for:	Audit Committee
Date of meeting:	17th March 2021
Part:	N/A
If Part II, reason:	

Title of report:	Internal Audit Programme 2021/22
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Purpose of report:	1. For the Audit Committee to review and approve the 2021/22 Internal Audit Programme.
Period Review.	The contract will be monitored on an ongoing basis, against agreed delivery programme and KPI's.
Corporate objectives:	Ensuring efficient, effective and modern service delivery.
Implications:	<u>Financial</u> There are no direct financial consequences that will result in approving the programme.
'Value for money' implications	<u>Value for money</u> The Internal Audit contract was awarded was awarded to the most efficient and effective bidder as part of the procurement process in 2019/20.
Risk implications	Failure to make arrangements for the provision of internal audit services places the Council at risk of not meeting its statutory obligations relating to the financial management of the organisation.
Community Impact Assessment	Community Impact Assessment not applicable.
Health and safety Implications	N/A
Consultees:	Graeme Elliot: Portfolio Holder Finance and Resources. Bert Chapman: Audit Committee Chair James Deane: Corporate Director Finance and Operations

	Senior Leadership Team Nigel Howcutt: Assistant Director Finance and resources. Fiona Jump: Group Manager Financial Services.
Background papers:	Procurement Tender evaluation and scores can be provided as requested.
Glossary of acronyms and any other abbreviations used in this report:	

Background.

The Internal Audit service has a rolling 3 year programme of works to provide assurance over processes and controls across the council.

This programme has a mixture of internal Audit reviews that are undertaken;

- Annually,
- Biennially,
- Triennially,

The frequency of these audits is based on the risk and potential impact to the council of specific services, processes and systems being ineffective, as an example the review of core financial services is undertaken annually.

Appendix A to this report outlines the 21/22 proposed Internal Audit Programme.

Recommendations: Members of the Audit Committee are asked to review, note and approve the 2021/22 Internal Audit Programme.