

**Agenda Item No:**

**Report To:** Audit Committee

**Date of Meeting:** 29 November 2022

**Report Title:** Interim Internal Audit & Assurance Report

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**Portfolio Holder:** Cllr. Neil Shorter

**Portfolio Holder for:** Finance, IT, and Digital



**Summary:**

This report provides information to Members on the work completed by internal audit since the last report in June 2022.

This report is for information and summarises progress towards delivering the plan up to 15 November 2022. In addition, it also provides updates on:

- Completed 2021/22 audits which will be used to inform the 2022/23 Audit Opinion.
- Resource changes with the Mid Kent Audit Partnership team.
- Other work and overall progress, including planned vs actual days.
- The results of the follow up of agreed management actions

**Key Decision:** No

**Significantly Affected Wards:** All

**Recommendations:** **The Audit Committee is recommended to:-**  
1. That work completed so far on the 2022/23 Audit & Assurance Plan be noted.

**Policy Overview:** N/A

**Financial Implications:** N/A

**Legal Implications:** N/A

**Equalities Impact Assessment:** N/A

**Data Protection Impact Assessment:** N/A

**Risk Assessment  
(Risk Appetite  
Statement):** N/A

**Sustainability  
Implications:** N/A

**Other Material  
Implications:** N/A

**Exempt from  
Publication:** **NO**

**Background Papers:** Full reports which support the audit engagements summarised in this report are available on request. In addition, previous Audit Committee reports can be found [here](#).

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### Introduction and Background

1. The Audit Committee approved the 2022/23 audit plan in March 2022. This report provides information to Members on the work completed by internal audit since the last report in June 2022.
2. The new Head of Audit Partnership will update Senior Management and Members once she starts in December as to whether the service holds sufficient resource to accumulate enough evidence to support a year end opinion

### Proposal

3. We present the report to Members for their information and for noting

### Equalities Impact Assessment

4. n/a

### Consultation Planned or Undertaken

5. We present the report for Member information and for noting. There has been no formal consultation, but its content has been discussed with the Deputy Chief Executive.

### Other Options Considered

6. n/a

### Reasons for Supporting Option Recommended

7. n/a

### Next Steps in Process

8. n/a

### Conclusion

9. n/a

### **Portfolio Holder's Views**

10. n/a

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