

<b>DECISION-MAKER:</b>	<b>GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE</b>
<b>SUBJECT:</b>	<b>INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23</b>
<b>DATE OF DECISION:</b>	<b>13<sup>th</sup> February 2023</b>
<b>REPORT OF:</b>	<b>CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR</b>

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<b>STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY</b>
N/A
<b>BRIEF SUMMARY</b>
<p>The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards 2017 (PSIAS), requires the Chief Internal Auditor (CIA) to provide periodical updates to the Governance Committee on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress made against the agreed annual audit plan.</li> <li>• Results of audit activities and</li> <li>• Management’s response to risk that in the CIA’s judgement maybe unacceptable to the Authority</li> </ul> <p>All other PSIAS requirements are communicated in either the charter or annual audit opinion, which are reported separately to this committee at various times throughout the year.</p> <p>There are a total of 62 audit reviews in the revised plan for 2022/23. To date, 82% of audits have been completed or are in progress as of 24th January. This represents 34 (55%) audits where the report has been finalised, 7 (11%) where the report is in draft and 10 (16%) audits currently in progress.</p> <p>There are currently no ‘no assurance’ reports or critical exceptions contained in this report for this period.</p> <p>Significant control weaknesses have been identified for two full audits which received ‘limited assurance’. The first relating to a school site visit and the other relating to an end-to-end process review. Further details can be found in Appendix 1.</p> <p>Progress has been made implementing agreed actions despite significant pressures across the organisation. It is positive to note that the internal control environment specifically in relation to compliance has also improved.</p>

Internal Audit progress for the period 27<sup>th</sup> October 2022 to 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 is covered in in the report attached as Appendix 1.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

(i)	That the Governance Committee notes the Internal Audit Progress report for the period 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.
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**REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS**

1.	In accordance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide an update on progress against the annual audit plan to the Governance Committee for information.
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**ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED**

None
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**DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)**

As above
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**RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

**Capital/Revenue**

None
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**Property/Other**

None
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**LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

**Statutory power to undertake proposals in the 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.
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**Other Legal Implications:**

None
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**RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS**

The report is for note only, there is no decision to be made.
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**POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS**

None
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**KEY DECISION?**

No

**WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:**

None

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION**

**Appendices**

1.	Internal Audit Progress Report for the period 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2022 to 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023.
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**Documents In Members' Rooms**

1.	None	
<b>Equality Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessment (ESIA) to be carried out.		<b>No</b>
<b>Data Protection Impact Assessment</b>		
Do the implications/subject of the report require a Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) to be carried out.		<b>No</b>
<b>Other Background Documents</b>		
Other Background documents available for inspection		
<b>Title of Background Paper(s):</b> None		<b>Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)</b>
1.		
2.		