

Pension Fund Committee

12 March 2020

Draft Audit Plan 2020/21



Report of Paul Bradley, Chief Internal Auditor and Corporate Fraud Manager

Electoral division(s) affected:

Countywide.

Purpose of the Report

1 To present the proposed Annual Audit Plan for 2020/21 for approval.

Recommendation

2 Members are asked to approve the proposed audit plan for 2020/21.

Background

- 3 The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS), which came into effect from April 2013, define internal audit as, “an independent, objective assurance and consulting activity designed to add value and improve an organisation’s operations. It helps an organisation accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control and governance processes.”
- 4 The agreed terms of reference for the internal audit service to fulfil this objective are detailed in the Internal Audit Charter.

2020/21 Audit Plan

- 5 The Audit Plan for 2020/21 has been developed following discussions between officers from Internal Audit and officers who have responsibility for the Pension Fund, using the strategic audit plan as the basis of the discussion. The proposed plan is shown in the table below.

Audit Title	Audit Type
Audits deferred from 2019/20	
Compliance with Breach Policy	Assurance
2020/21 audits	
Pensions Payroll	Assurance
Additional Voluntary Contributions	Assurance
Bank Reconciliation	Assurance
Debt Recovery	Assurance
Admission Bodies / Funding Risks	Assurance
National Fraud Initiative – Identification of potential error/fraud	Counter Fraud
Management time and ad hoc advice	Advice and Consultancy

Background papers

- Strategic Internal Audit Plan

Other useful documents

- None

Contact: Paul Monaghan

Tel: 03000 269662

Appendix 1: Implications

Legal Implications

There are no specific legal implications associated with this report. Internal Audit contribute to the effective governance of the Council and provide relevant and appropriate challenge and oversight where necessary.

Finance

The audit fee for the 2019/20 internal audit plan, to be delivered by the DCC Internal Audit Service, which is chargeable direct to the Pension Fund, remains the same as 2018/19 at £19,500.

Consultation

All Corporate Directors, the Director of Transformation and Partnerships and all Heads of Service.

Equality and Diversity / Public Sector Equality Duty

None.

Climate Change

There are no direct implications on climate change as a result of this report, however the Internal Audit Service ensures that it considers climate change and sustainability in the recommendations that are made.

Human Rights

None.

Crime and Disorder

None.

Staffing

None.

Accommodation

None.

Risk

The key risk is that actions agreed in audit reports to improve the control environment and assist the Council in achieving its objectives are not implemented. To mitigate this risk, a defined process exists within the Service

to gain assurance that all actions agreed have been implemented on a timely basis. Such assurance is reflected in reports to the Committee.

Procurement

None.