

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE ON 28 JULY 2022

SUBJECT: Annual Internal Audit Charter 2022/23

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DATE: June 2022
EXTN: 01903 737558
AREA: Corporate Support

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Each year Internal Audit is required to present an annual internal audit charter for the following financial year, for agreement by the Audit & Governance Committee. The Internal Audit Charter establishes the terms of reference for the Internal Audit service and outlines how the service will be delivered and developed.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Members of the Audit & Governance Committee are requested to agree the Internal Audit Charter for 2022/23 attached at Appendix A.

1. BACKGROUND:

The Internal Audit Charter was last updated in 2016 to reflect the publication by CIPFA of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS).

These standards are based upon the mandatory elements of the Institute of Internal Auditors (IIA) International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF).

On 22 February 2022, this Committee considered and approved a report 'Provision of Internal Audit Service to the Council' which recommended that from 1 April 2022, the Internal Audit Service be provided to the Council by Southern Internal Audit Partnership (SIAP). Following the change in arrangements, it is prudent to review the Charter and an updated version, prepared by SIAP is attached for Members' consideration.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

It is proposed that the Committee agrees the outline Annual Internal Audit Charter for 2022/23 as shown at Appendix A. A representative from SIAP will attend the meeting to answer any queries Members may have.

3. OPTIONS:
To agree the outline Annual Internal Audit Charter for 2022/23, or not.

4. CONSULTATION:

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		✓
Relevant District Ward Councillors		✓
Other groups/persons (please specify)		✓
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial	✓	
Legal	✓	
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		✓
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		✓
Sustainability		✓
Asset Management/Property/Land		✓
Technology		✓
Other (please explain)		✓

6. IMPLICATIONS:

Financial
A fit for purpose Internal Audit system will enhance financial control.

Legal
A sound system of Internal Audit is one of the requirements of the Local Government Finance Act 1972.

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:
To allow the Committee to agree the outline Annual Internal Audit Charter for 2022/23.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:
None.