

STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, 18 APRIL 2023

Report Title	INTERNAL AUDIT ACTIVITY PROGRESS REPORT 2022-23			
Purpose of Report	To inform Members of the Internal Audit activity progress in relation to the approved Internal Audit Plan 2022-23.			
Decision(s)	The Committee RESOLVES to: i. Accept the progress against the Internal Audit Plan 2022-23; and ii. Accept the assurance opinions provided in relation to the effectiveness of the Council’s control environment (comprising risk management, control and governance arrangements).			
Consultation and Feedback	Internal Audit findings are discussed with Service Heads and Managers. Management responses to recommendations are included in each assignment report.			
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Options	There are no alternative options that are relevant to this matter.			
Background Papers	None.			
Appendices	Appendix A – Internal Audit Activity Progress Report 2022-23 Appendix A1 - Internal Audit Activity Progress Report – February Appendix B – Exempt			
Implications (details at the end of the report)	Financial	Legal	Equality	Environmental
	No	No	No	No

1.0 INTRODUCTION/BACKGROUND

- 1.1 Members agreed the Stroud District Council [Internal Audit Plan 2022-23](#) on 26th April 2022.
- 1.2 In accordance with the [Public Sector Internal Audit Standards \(PSIAS\) 2017](#), this report details the outcomes of Internal Audit work carried out in accordance with the agreed Plan.

2.0 MAIN POINTS

- 2.1 The Internal Audit Activity Progress Report 2022-23 at **Appendix A** summarises:
- i. The progress against the Internal Audit Plan 2022-23;
 - ii. The outcomes of the 2022-23 Internal Audit activity delivered up to mid-March 2023; and
 - iii. Special investigations and counter fraud activity.
- 2.2 This is the fourth report in relation to the Internal Audit Plan 2022-23.

3.0 CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The report purpose is to inform the Committee of Internal Audit work undertaken to date, and the assurances given on the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's control environment. Completion of the Internal Audit Activity Progress Reports ensures compliance with the PSIAS, the [Council Constitution](#) and [the Audit and Standards Committee Terms of Reference](#).

4.0 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Risk Assessment:

Failure to deliver effective governance will negatively impact on the achievement of the Council's objectives and priorities.

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4.2 Legal Implications

Monitoring the implementation of Internal Audit recommendations assists the Council to minimise risk areas and thereby reduce the prospects of legal challenge.

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4.3 Equality Implications

There are no equality implications arising from the recommendations made in this report.

4.4 Environmental Implications

There are no environmental implications arising from the recommendations made within this report.