INTERNAL AUDIT PLAN AND INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER 2021/22 Report of the Deputy Chief Executive (and Section 151 Officer)

1. INTRODUCTION AND PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The Internal Audit Plan 2021/22 outlines the key areas of the Council that current internal audit resources will be directed, in the next financial year.
- 1.2 One of the main themes of next year's plan is the continued inbuilt flexibility required to support the changing risk profile of the Council and the ability of internal audit to provide ongoing independent assurance on a range of high risk services and activities.
- 1.3 The Plan explains how resources will be directed as a result of the impact of the covid 19 pandemic on the delivery of Council services and the consequent changing risk environment.
- 1.4 The Plan will be risk assessed part way through the financial year and any changes to audit work and resources will be discussed with the Audit Committee.
- 1.5 The Internal Audit Charter is reviewed on an annual basis and is approved alongside the Plan by the Audit Committee in March.

2. CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 Audit Committee is asked to approve the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan and Charter.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

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