

Governance & Audit Committee
11 March 2022

Subject and Purpose: Internal Audit Plan Update 2021/22		
Recommendations / key decisions required: To receive the report.		
Reasons: Regular progress report to be presented to each Governance & Audit Committee meeting.		
Relevant scrutiny committee to be consulted: N/A		
Cabinet Decision Required: N/A Council Decision Required: N/A		
CABINET MEMBER PORTFOLIO HOLDER: Cllr D Jenkins		
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Internal Audit Plan Update 2021/22

1. BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT.

To provide Members with progress of the Internal Audit Plan. The following Reports are attached:

Internal Audit Plan Progress Reports for 2021/22

Due to the ongoing situation with the Covid-19 pandemic, and particularly the outbreak of the Omicron variant and its resultant restrictions over the Christmas period, further Internal Audit resources have been required to assist with the processing and payment of grant funds.

In particular:

- Further Internal Audit assistance has been required to undertake duplication checks to ensure fraudulent claims, or duplicate claims made in error, are not paid. This work is continuing for self-isolation payments and Winter Fuel payments, but has now also commenced for the new NDR Emergency Fund.
- Two members of Internal Audit staff have been temporarily redeployed to assist with processing the applications made for self-isolation payments and Winter Fuel payments.

In order to resource these requirements, the following Audit Assignments are proposed to be deferred to the 2022/23 Audit Plan:

- Welsh Language Standards
- Disaster Recovery & Business Continuity
- Waste

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?

YES

IMPLICATIONS

I confirm that other than those implications which have been agreed with the appropriate Directors / Heads of Service and are referred to in detail below, there are no other implications associated with this report:

Signed: H L Pugh – Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities	Legal	Finance	ICT	Risk Management Issues	Staffing Implications	Physical Assets
NONE	NONE	YES	NONE	NONE	NONE	NONE

Finance

Reviews carried out to ensure systems in place comply with the Authority's Financial Procedure Rules.

CONSULTATIONS

I confirm that the appropriate consultations have taken in place and the outcomes are as detailed below

Signed: H L Pugh – Head of Revenues and Financial Compliance

1. Scrutiny Committee: Not Applicable
2. Local Member(s): Not Applicable
3. Community / Town Council: Not Applicable
4. Relevant Partners: Not Applicable
5. Staff Side Representatives and other Organisations: Not Applicable

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
Internal Audit Plan 2021/22	AC 26-03-21	Agenda for Governance & Audit Committee on Friday, 26th March, 2021, 2.00 pm