



**PARTNERIAETH JOINT COMMITTEE
6 OCTOBER 2023**

**PARTNERIAETH HEAD OF INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL
ASSURANCE OPINION 2022-23**

PURPOSE:

To provide the Joint Committee with the Partneriaeth Head of Internal Audit's annual assurance opinion on the effectiveness of Partneriaeth's Governance, Internal Control, Risk Management and Financial Management Arrangements for 2022-23.

RECOMMENDATIONS / KEY DECISIONS REQUIRED:

The Joint Committee consider the report and note the Partneriaeth Head of Internal Audit Annual Assurance Opinion for 2022-23.

REASONS:

To assist Partneriaeth to inform its Annual Governance Statement 2022-23.

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**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PURPOSE OF REPORT

The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) came into effect on 01 April 2013 and requires the Head of Internal Audit to “deliver an annual internal audit opinion and report that can be used by the organisation to inform its governance statement”.

The purpose of the annual internal audit opinion is to contribute to the assurances available to the Section 151 Officer and the Joint Committee which underpin the assessment of the effectiveness of the system of internal control for Partneriaeth.

In order to form an opinion on each audit review, the Internal Audit Service have to obtain sufficient evidence on which to base their opinion, and by necessity this results in testing on a sample or selected basis and having to place reliance on assurances provided by management.

The Head of Internal Audit Opinion is that Partneriaeth has a moderate framework of governance, internal control, risk management and financial management arrangements in place. This means that there are weaknesses in the adequacy and/or effectiveness of governance, internal control, risk management and financial management arrangements, which could have an impact on the ability of Partneriaeth to achieve its objectives.

DETAILED REPORT ATTACHED?	YES
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IMPLICATIONS

Policy, Crime & Disorder and Equalities NONE	Legal YES	Finance YES	Risk Management Issues YES	Staffing Implications NONE
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1. Legal

As outlined within the Head of Internal Audit Annual Assurance Opinion 2022-23.

2. Finance

As outlined within the Head of Internal Audit Annual Assurance Opinion 2022-23.

3. Risk Management

As outlined within the Head of Internal Audit Annual Assurance Opinion 2022-23.

CONSULTATIONS

N/A

Section 100D Local Government Act, 1972 – Access to Information

List of Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:

THESE ARE DETAILED BELOW

Title of Document	File Ref No.	Locations that the papers are available for public inspection
N/A	N/A	N/A

