

AUDIT COMMITTEE

DATE OF MEETING: 24 May 2022

TITLE OF REPORT: THE PROVISION OF INTERNAL AUDIT

Report of: Head of Corporate Services and S.151 Officer

Cabinet Portfolio: Councillor James Radley, Finance and Corporate Services

Key Decision No

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement regarding future delivery of internal audit services.

2 OFFICER RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 The procurement process is noted by the Committee.

3 BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Over recent years, Hart District Council's internal audit work has been carried out by Wokingham Borough Council and Basingstoke and Deane District Council's Internal Audit Team and co-ordinated by the Hart District Council Internal Audit Manager.
- 3.2 The Council has made its decision as part of the Tier 2 Savings, Council has made a decision whereby all audit work is procured through one supplier.
- 3.3 Officers are engaging with Public Sector partners and Internal Audit Partnerships to commence procurement of a single provider from 1st April 2023.
- 3.4 We have an Interim Audit Manager in place to co-ordinate and supervise the current internal audit workload.
- 3.5 The Committee will be updated with progress as the procurement process completes.

4 EQUALITIES

An equalities impact assessment is not required.

5 CLIMATE CHANGE IMPLICATIONS

There are no known climate change implications of this report currently.

6 ACTION

The Audit Committee are kept updated of how the procurement progresses.

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