



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE
FIRE AND RESCUE
AUTHORITY**

Item 21/23

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	28 July 2021
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Internal Audit Annual Report and Opinion 2020-21
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	To consider and note
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>This report provides Members with a summary of the work of Internal Audit during 2020-21.</p> <p>The Head of Internal Audit has provided the following Annual Opinion for 2020-21:</p> <p>‘On the balance of our 2020/21 audit work for Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, enhanced by the work of external agencies, I am able to offer an Adequate Assurance opinion in respect of the areas reviewed during the year.’</p> <p>The basis upon which the opinion has been reached is detailed within Appendix A to this report.</p>
RISK ASSESSMENT	Failure to ensure a sound internal audit function may lead to reputational or financial issues. This report is a key control measure associated with mitigating this risk.
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report

RECOMMENDATION	Members are asked to: 1. Consider and note the findings of the Internal Audit Annual report and Opinion 2020-21.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None for the purposes of this report
APPENDIX	Appendix A – Internal Audit Annual Opinion Report 2020-21
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