



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

Item 21/06

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	3 March 2021
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Internal Audit Plan 2021-22 and Audit Charter
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For approval
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>As Members are aware, South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) Internal Audit Services was appointed as the Service's Internal Auditor in January 2019, for a four-year period.</p> <p>At the Finance &amp; Audit Committee (formally Audit &amp; Governance) meeting in March 2019, Members approved the Internal Audit Strategy 2019-23, which provided a summary of the proposed audit coverage for each year of the strategy.</p> <p>Annually, Officers work with the internal auditors to review the proposed Internal Audit Plan, to ensure that it remains appropriate and reflective of the threats and risks to the Authority. They also consult external audit and the Chairman of the Finance &amp; Audit Committee for their views and input.</p> <p>As part of the wider realignment of performance management arrangements, the plan has been aligned to support Her Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire &amp; Rescue Service inspection regime.</p> <p>Appendix A provides Members with the proposed plan for 2021-22 for their consideration and approval.</p>

	The Internal Audit Charter is set out within appendix B for Members' information. Its purpose is to set out the nature, role, responsibility, status and authority of internal auditing within the Service and to outline the scope of internal audit work.
RISK ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
COMMUNITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT	None for the purposes of this report
BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	None for the purposes of this report
RECOMMENDATIONS	Members are asked to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Approve the Internal Audit Plan 2021-2022.</li> <li>2. Approve the Internal Audit Charter.</li> </ol>
BACKGROUND PAPERS	19/08 Internal Audit Strategy 2019-23 (meeting held on 7 March 2019) 19/08 Appendices A and B Internal Audit Strategy 2019-23 and Charter (meeting held on 7 March 2019) <a href="https://www.dwfire.org.uk/fire-rescue-authority/meetings/finance-audit/">https://www.dwfire.org.uk/fire-rescue-authority/meetings/finance-audit/</a>
APPENDICES	Appendix A - Internal Audit Plan 2021-22 Appendix B - Internal Audit Charter
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