



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
FIRE AND RESCUE  
AUTHORITY**

Item 23/07

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	8 March 2023
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Internal Audit Plan 2023-24 and Audit Charter
STATUS OF REPORT	For open publication
PURPOSE OF REPORT	For approval
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY	<p>As Members are aware, the Authority's internal auditors, South West Audit Partnership (SWAP) were appointed in January 2019.</p> <p>The contract awarded to SWAP was for an initial four-year programme, with an option to extend for an additional year. With the additional year enacted the current contract remains in place until March 2024.</p> <p>At the Finance &amp; Audit Committee (formerly Audit &amp; Governance) meeting in March 2019, Members approved the Internal Audit Strategy, which provided a summary of the proposed audit coverage.</p> <p>The overall Internal Audit Strategy is designed to ensure that there is adequate coverage of those areas that make up the eight themes of a healthy organisation and also support His Majesty's Inspectorate of Constabulary and Fire &amp; Rescue Service inspection regime.</p> <p>Annually, in January, SWAP, Officers and the Chair of the Finance &amp; Audit Committee liaise to develop the proposed Internal Audit Plan, for the coming year. This is to ensure that it remains appropriate and reflective of the threats and risks to the Authority.</p> <p>Appendix A provides Members with the proposed plan for 2023-24 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 2023-2024</li> <li>2. Review the Internal Audit Charter.</li> </ol>
BACKGROUND PAPERS	<a href="#">19/08 Internal Audit Strategy 2019-23 (meeting held on 7 March 2019)</a> <a href="#">19/08 Appendices A and B Internal Audit Strategy 2019-23 and Charter (meeting held on 7 March 2019)</a>
APPENDICES	Appendix A - Internal Audit Plan 2023-24 Appendix B - Internal Audit Charter
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