



**DORSET & WILTSHIRE  
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AUTHORITY**

Item 23/24

MEETING	Finance & Audit Committee
DATE OF MEETING	26 July 2023
SUBJECT OF THE REPORT	Internal Audit Annual report and Opinion 2022-23
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 2022-23.</p> <p>The Head of Internal Audit has provided the following Annual Opinion for 2022-23:</p> <p>“On the balance of our 2022/23 audit work for Dorset &amp; Wiltshire Fire and Rescue Service, enhanced by the work of external agencies, I am able to offer a Substantial Assurance opinion in respect of the areas reviewed during the year”.</p> <p>“A sound system of governance, risk management and control exists, with internal controls operating effectively and being consistently applied to support the achievement of objectives in the area audited.”</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. Review the findings of the Internal Audit Annual report and Opinion 2022-23.
BACKGROUND PAPERS	None for the purposes of this report
APPENDIX	Appendix A – Internal Audit Annual Opinion Report 2022-23
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