

Audit and Governance Committee

Date: 22nd January 2021

Agenda No:

Title of Report:	Internal Audit Activity Progress Report 2020/21
Purpose of Report:	To inform Members of the progress of Internal Audit activity in relation to the 2020/21 Internal Audit Plan and provide a progress report in relation to those audits undertaken up to December 2020.
Recommendations:	<p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Notes the amendments to and progress against the current 2020/21 Internal Audit Plan;2. Requests senior management attendance at the next meeting of the Committee to provide an update on the actions taken in relation to the recommendations made in the Direct Payments (Children's) internal audit and the Client Affairs (Adults) internal audit; and3. Notes the assurance opinions provided in relation to the effectiveness of the Council's control environment comprising risk management, control and governance arrangements as a result of the internal audit activity completed to date.
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Key Risks	Failure to deliver an effective Internal Audit Service will prevent an independent, objective assurance opinion to be provided to those charged with governance that the key risks associated with the achievement of the Council's objectives are being adequately controlled.