

Audit and Governance Committee

Date: 22nd July 2022

Agenda No:

Title of Report:	Annual Report of the Head of Audit Risk Assurance (ARA) 2021/22
Purpose of Report:	To provide the Committee with an annual report on Internal Audit activity which fully meets the Head of ARA's annual reporting requirements, as set out in the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) 2017.
Recommendations:	<p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">i. Assess, from the findings set out in the Annual Report of the Head of ARA 2021/22, whether it can take reasonable assurance that the internal control environment, comprising risk management, control and governance is operating effectively;ii. Note that the performance of Internal Audit meets the required standards; andiii. Note the Council wide counter fraud activity completed during 2021/22.
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Key Risks	An effective Internal Audit service is a key part of the governance, risk management and internal control framework established by Gloucestershire County Council. Providing independent, objective assurance opinions as to the effectiveness of the Council's management and control systems which underpin delivery of the Council's objectives and effective use of its limited resources.