

## Audit and Governance Committee

**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

**Agenda No:**

<b>Title of Report:</b>	Annual Report of the Head of Audit Risk Assurance (ARA) 2022/23
<b>Purpose of Report:</b>	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.
<b>Recommendations:</b>	<p>It is recommended that the Committee:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. Assess, from the findings set out in the Annual Report of the Head of ARA 2022/23, whether it can take reasonable assurance that the internal control environment, comprising risk management, control and governance is operating effectively; and</li> <li>ii. Note that the performance of Internal Audit meets the required standards.</li> </ul>
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<b>Key Risks</b>	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.