

Report to: **Audit and Governance Committee**



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## **Internal Audit Plan and Charter March 2021 (2021/22)**

### **Report summary:**

This report introduces the Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22 and also incorporates the 'Internal Audit Charter' which sets out the operational relationship between EDDC and the South West Audit Partnership (SWAP).

The Assistant Director for SWAP, together with the Council's S151 Officer and in consultation with the Senior Management Team, has produced an Audit Plan for 2021/22 that requires the approval of the Audit and Governance Committee. This is a flexible plan that may be amended during the year to deal with shifts in priorities or new and emerging risks. Any changes to the plan will be reported to this Committee.

### **Recommendation:**

- 1. That the Audit and Governance Committee approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2021-22 (Appendix 1)**
- 2. The Audit and Governance Committee approve the Internal Audit Charter (Appendix 2)**

### **Reason for recommendation:**

It is a requirement that the Audit and Governance Committee approve the annual Internal Audit Plan and Audit Charter.

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Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action and Emergencies
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Council and Corporate Co-ordination
- Culture, Tourism, Leisure and Sport
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets

- Finance
- Strategic Planning
- Sustainable Homes and Communities

**Financial implications:**

There are no direct financial implications identified.

**Legal implications:**

The legal framework is reflected in the report. While there are no direct legal implications arising, ensuring Key Actions are carried out will reduce risk to the Council which in turn will reduce the chance of failures or challenges occurring.

**Equalities impact** Low Impact

**Climate change** Low Impact

**Risk:** Low Risk;

**Links to background information**

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Outstanding Place and Environment
- Outstanding Homes and Communities
- Outstanding Economic Growth, Productivity, and Prosperity
- Outstanding Council and Council Services