

Report to: Audit and Governance Committee



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2023/24 Internal Audit Plan and Charter - March 2023

Report summary:

The Internal Audit function plays a central role in corporate governance by providing assurance to the Annual Audit, Governance and Standards Committee, looking over financial controls and checking on the probity of the organisation.

The 2023-24 Annual Audit Plan provided independent and objective assurance on EDDC governance, risk and internal control environment. This work supports the Annual Governance Statement.

Recommendation:

1. Members are requested to approve the Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24
2. Members are requested to approve the Internal Audit Charter.

Reason for recommendation:

It is a requirement that the Audit and Governance Committee approves the annual audit plan.

Officer: Alastair Woodland, Assistant Director, SWAP.

Portfolio(s) (check which apply):

- Climate Action
- Coast, Country and Environment
- Corporate Services and COVID-19 Response and Recovery
- Democracy and Transparency
- Economy and Assets
- Finance
- Policy Co-ordination and Regional Engagement
- 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 N/A

Link to [Council Plan](#):

Priorities (check which apply)

- Better homes and communities for all
- A greener East Devon
- A resilient economy