

<b>Committee(s):</b> Ordinary Council	<b>Date:</b> 15 <sup>th</sup> March 2023
<b>Subject:</b> Chairs report for Audit and Scrutiny Committee	<b>Wards Affected:</b> All
<b>Committee Chair:</b> Cllr Thomas Heard	
<b>Report of:</b> Tim Willis, Interim Director of Resources	<b>For Information</b>

Members were updated on the progress made against the 2022/23 internal audit plan.

A report submitted the report and recommendations of the Formal Complaints and Performance Indicators Working Group for consideration by the Audit & Scrutiny Committee.

Concerns were raised regarding the fall in recycling figures. Officers explained this could be due to the fact that following the pandemic and the return to work of residents, less recycling was being processed from homes. It would take at least 6 months to review the trend going forward and obtain accurate recycling figures. However, the Council would be monitoring this.

A report presented the Committee with the Annual Audit Report issued by the external auditors, Ernst & Young, following the completion of the audit of the 2020/21 accounts which was noted by the committee.

The Internal Audit Plan 2023-24 was approved by the committee.

A Risk Management report updated members of the Audit & Scrutiny Committee on the status of the Council's 2022/2023 Strategic Risk Register and high-level operational risks. As a result of the current risk review one risk score has reduced. The other risk scores have remained the same from the previous review in November. Of the high-level operational risks, one risk score has been increased and one reduced, with the other risks scores remaining the same.

Members noted the current s106 financial contributions and proposed future plans for processes and procedures.

The progress on Motions agreed at Ordinary Council were reported to members to provide an update on the progress and will be an annual report.

An annual Outside Organisation review has been undertaken to ensure effective partnership working wherever appropriate to help deliver the Council's objectives and to ensure that the Council's time is spent productively and effectively