

# South Northamptonshire Council

## Audit Committee

30 July 2020

### Internal Audit Annual Report & Opinion 2019/20

#### Report of the Executive Director – Finance

This report is public

#### Purpose of report

To receive the CW Audit Service annual report and audit opinion 2019/20.

#### 1.0 Recommendations

- 1.1 The meeting is recommended to note the contents of the 2019/20 internal audit annual report & opinion from CW Audit Services.

#### 2.0 Introduction

- 2.1 The annual report provides an Internal Audit opinion. It also summarises the activities of Internal Audit for 2019/20.

#### 3.0 Report Details

- 3.1 The overall opinion is that significant assurance can be given that there is a generally sound system of internal control, designed to meet the organisations objectives, and that controls are generally applied consistently.
- 3.2 However, there is still some weakness in the design and/or inconsistent application of controls which put the achievement of particular objectives at risk.
- 3.3 During the course of the year internal audit have conducted work to provide assurance over financial, governance and operational systems as set out in Appendix 1.

#### 4.0 Conclusion and Reasons for Recommendations

- 4.1 The annual report and audit opinion 2019/20 gives significant assurance that there is a generally sound system of internal control, designed to meet the organisation's objectives, and that controls are generally being applied consistently.

## 5.0 Consultation

None

## 6.0 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

6.1 The following alternative options have been identified.

Option 1: Members may choose to seek additional information from CW audit services and officers.

## 7.0 Implications

### 7.1 Financial and Resource Implications

There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

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### 7.2 Legal Implications

There are no legal implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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### 7.3 Risk Management Implications

There are no risk implications arising directly from any outcome of this report.

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## 8.0 Decision Information

**Wards Affected** All wards are affected

**Links to Corporate Plan and Policy Framework** All corporate plan themes.

**Lead Councillor** None

## Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	CW Audit Annual Report and Audit Opinion 2019/20
<b>Background Papers</b>	
None	
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