



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 5

## Internal Audit Report

To: Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting Date: 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

From: Jon Alsop, Head of Finance and S73 Officer

Key decision: Not a key decision

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Recommendations: The Audit and Governance Committee is recommended to:

- a) Receive and note the annual internal audit report for 2020/21 as provided by the Combined Authority's internal auditors, RSM Risk Assurance Services LLP (RSM).
- b) Receive and note the internal audit progress report for 2021/22 as provided by RSM

Voting arrangements: Note only item, no vote required.

# 1. Purpose

- 1.1. The purpose of the report is for the Audit and Governance Committee to:
- (a) Receive and note the annual internal audit report for 2020/21
  - (b) Receive and note progress being made against the internal audit plan for 2021/22.

# 2. Background

- 2.1. The Chief Internal Auditor of a Local Authority is required annually to provide their opinion on the overall systems of internal control and their effectiveness.

## **The Annual Internal Audit Opinion**

- 2.2. The Internal Audit Plan for 2020/21 presented by RSM to the Committee in November 2020 stated that “As the provider of the internal audit service we are required to provide an annual opinion on the adequacy and effectiveness of the organisation’s governance, risk management and control arrangements. The annual opinion will be provided to the organisation by RSM Risk Assurance Services LLP at the financial year end.”
- 2.3. The annual opinion should be used to inform the organisation’s annual governance statement.
- 2.4. The internal audit opinion for Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority for 2020/21 is as follows:
- 2.5. “The organisation has an adequate and effective framework for risk management, governance and internal control. However, our work has identified further enhancements to the framework of risk management, governance and internal control to ensure that it remains adequate and effective.”
- 2.6. The full report is attached at appendix 1.

## **Internal Audit Plan 2021/22**

- 2.7. RSM presented the internal audit plan for 2021/22 to the Audit and Governance Committee in April 2021.
- 2.8. The attached report provides an update to the Audit and Governance Committee against the internal audit plan for the year.

# 3. Financial Implications

- 3.1. Internal audit fees are within those agreed as part of the internal audit service contract.

## 4. Legal Implications

- 4.1. No legal implications have been identified.

## 5. Other Significant Implications

- 5.1. No other significant implications have been identified.

## 6. Appendices

- 6.1. Appendix 1 – Internal Audit Annual Report 2020/21 (RSM)  
Appendix 2 – Internal Audit update report 2021/22 (RSM)

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1. Outline Audit Plan – A&G Committee November 2020

[A&GC Nov 2020 Internal Audit Plan](#)

Internal Audit Plan – A&G Committee April 2021

[Internal Audit Plan A&GC April 2021](#)