



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE  
& PETERBOROUGH**  
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 7

## Internal Audit Annual Report 2021/22

To: Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting Date: 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022

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) Note and receive the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2021/22

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) Note and receive the Internal Audit Annual Report 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 2021/22 as presented to the Audit and Governance Committee by the Combined Authority's internal auditors (RSM), in April 2021 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 2021/22 is as follows:

2.5. "There are weaknesses in the framework of governance, risk management and control such that it could become, inadequate and ineffective."

2.6. A paper is being taken to the Combined Authority Board in July 2022 by the Interim Chief Executive to seek approval for a series of proposals set out to drive and implement an improvement plan to address the issues highlighted in the Internal Audit Annual report.

2.7. The full report is attached at appendix 1.

## 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: The Internal Auditor's Annual report 2021/22

## 7. Background Papers

- 7.1. Outline Audit Plan – A&G Committee April 2021

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