

Agenda Item No: 5

Internal Audit Progress Report

To: Audit and Governance Committee

Meeting Date: 30 September 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) Receive and note the internal audit progress report against the audit plans for 2021/22 and 2022/23 as provided by the Combined Authority's internal auditors, RSM Risk Assurance Services LLP (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 progress being made against the internal audit plans for 2021/22 and 2022/23.

#### 2. Background

- 2.1. RSM presented the internal audit plan for 2021/22 to the Audit and Governance Committee in April 2021. The attached report provides an update to the Committee of the outstanding audits of the 2021/22 plan.
- 2.2 The Committee received a draft internal audit plan for 2022/23 at its meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2022. Members approved the topics proposed in the plan but recommended that officers adopt a flexible approach to the commissioning of reviews to give priority to work that helps the improvement journey. The attached report also provides an update to activity against the 2022/23 internal audit plan.

### 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

Appendix 1 – Internal Audit update report (RSM)

### 7. Background Papers

Internal Audit Plan - A&G Committee April 2021

Internal Audit Plan A&GC April 2021

Internal Audit Plan – A&G Committee July 2022

Internal Audit Plan A&GC July 2022