

Annual Internal Audit Report & HIA Opinion Statement 2019/20

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HEADLINES

The UK Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) requires the Head of Internal Audit & Risk Assurance (HIA) to deliver an Annual Internal Audit Report and HIA Opinion Statement that can be used by the Council to inform and support its Annual Governance Statement.

Therefore, in setting out how it meets the reporting requirements, this report and opinion statement outlines how Internal Audit (IA) has supported the Council in meeting the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015. The report also summarises the main findings arising from the work performed by IA during 2019/20. This report provides the opportunity for the HIA to highlight to the Committee any significant matters arising from the 2019/20 IA work. The draft report was considered by CMT in September 2020 to allow comment by the officer body responsible for the Council's internal control, corporate governance and risk management arrangements.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Audit Committee are asked to note the Annual IA Report and HIA Opinion Statement 2019/20.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

IA provides an independent appraisal and consultancy service that underpins good governance, which is essential in helping the Council achieve its strategic objectives and realise its vision for the London Borough of Hillingdon. It is also a requirement of the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 that the Council undertakes an adequate and effective IA of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

See attached report.