

# AUDIT COMMITTEE - Annual Internal Audit Report & Opinion Statement 2020/21

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| <b>Committee name</b>     | Audit Committee  |
| <b>Officer reporting</b>  | Sarah Hydrie, Head of Internal Audit & Risk Assurance    |
| <b>Papers with report</b> | Annual Internal Audit Report & Opinion Statement 2020/21 |
| <b>Ward</b>               | All  |

## HEADLINES

The UK Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) requires the Head of Internal Audit & Risk Assurance, to deliver an Annual Internal Audit Report and 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 also outlines how Internal Audit (IA) has supported the Council in meeting the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021. The report also summarises the main findings arising from the work performed by IA during 2020/21. This report provides the opportunity for the Head of Internal Audit & Risk Assurance to highlight to the Committee any significant matters arising from the work of IA during 2020/21. The draft report was considered by CMT in June 2021 to allow comment by the officer body responsible for the Council's internal control, corporate governance and risk management arrangements.

## RECOMMENDATIONS:

**That the Audit Committee:**

- 1. Review and note the Annual IA Report and Opinion Statement 2020/21.**

## 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 (Amendment) Regulations 2021 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

Annual Internal Audit Report & Opinion Statement 2020/21.