

Chichester District Council
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Progress Report – Audit Plan for 2023/24

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2. Recommendation

- 2.1. That the committee notes performance against the audit plan for 2023/24.**

3. Update on 2023/24 Audit Plan

- 3.1. The Audit Plan at the start of the financial year detailed 26 audits. To date 17 have been completed. Upon reflection this was an overly ambitious plan considering that there were three inexperienced staff joining the section. The training of staff and audits overrunning and in some cases the scope of the audit being extended have been a problem this year. The Audit Section together with the revised PSIAS requirements has meant that the Audit Planning process will need to change. A report on the revised arrangements will be presented to this committee.

- 3.2. Details of the audits completed since the last committee are as follows:

- Data Retention
- Rent in Advance
- DFG
- Debt Recovery
- Housing Benefit - Position Statement
- Discretionary Housing Payments - Position Statement

- 3.3. Results of the audit are contained in appendix one.

3.4. As of 1st March, four audit reports and two position statements have been issued as final.

4. Background

4.1. Not Applicable

5. Outcomes to be Achieved

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Proposal

6.1. Not Applicable

7. Alternatives Considered

7.1. Not Applicable

8. Resource and Legal Implications

8.1. Not Applicable

9. Consultation

9.1. Not Applicable

10. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

10.1. Not Applicable

11. Other Implications

<i>Are there any implications for the following?</i>		
	Yes	No
Crime & Disorder:		√
Climate Change and Biodiversity:		√
Human Rights and Equality Impact:		√
Safeguarding and Early Help:		√
General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR):		√
Health and Wellbeing:		√
Other (Please specify):		√

12. Appendices

12.1. Audits completed since the last committee report.

13. Background Papers

13.1 Position Statement – Housing Benefit

13.2 Position Statement – Discretionary Housing Payments