

Chichester District Council
CORPORATE GOVERNANCE & AUDIT COMMITTEE

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Progress Report – Audit Plan for 2022/23

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2. Recommendation

2.1 That the committee notes performance against the audit plan for 2022/23.

3. Update on 2022/23 Audit Plan

3.1. The audit report issued as final since the last committee meeting is:

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3.2. Results of the audit are contained in appendix one. There have been no audits given a 'No Assurance' rating and no critical exceptions have been raised.

3.3. As previously advised to the Committee, the audit Moving In/Out of Westward House Processes will be added to the 2022/23 plan and taken out of contingency.

3.4. Following the proposed adjustments to the Audit Plan reported to the October Corporate Governance & Audit Committee this would mean that the 2022/23 plan contains 14 full audits and 3 follow-ups.

3.5. As of 28 February, an audit report has been issued as final, the remaining are work in progress.

4. Audit plan 2023/24

4.1 The audit plan for 2023/24 has been prepared and considers risk value and system complexity. Due to the number of audits that have had to be deferred from 2022/2023 due to staff shortages, a decision has been made to review the four year plan to bring up it up to date with the high risk audits. The plan for 2023/2024 represents the first year of the four year plan.

The staffing situation has improved with two new members of staff shortly to join the section, we are also being assisted by an agency member of staff. It is envisaged that a proportion of the audit work will be to undertake the Key Financial Systems work. The remaining time will be taken up with annual activity and audits that are high risk or have not been audited before.

5. Background

5.1. Not Applicable

6. Outcomes to be Achieved

6.1 Not Applicable

7. Proposal

7.1. Not Applicable

8. Alternatives Considered

8.1. Not Applicable

9. Resource and Legal Implications

9.1 Not Applicable

10. Consultation

10.1. Not Applicable

11. Community Impact and Corporate Risks

11.1. Not Applicable

12. 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):		√

13. Appendices

- 13.1. Audit completed since the last committee report.
- 13.2. 2023/2024 Audit Plan

14. Background Papers

- 14.1 None