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**INTERNAL AUDIT ANNUAL REPORT AND OPINION**

To: Audit Committee

Date: 25<sup>th</sup> July 2022

From: Chief Internal Auditor

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1. **ISSUE**

- 1.1. To report on the work of Internal Audit and the annual opinion for 2021/22.

2. **RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1. That the Committee considers and notes the Internal Audit report and opinion for 2021/22.

3. **BACKGROUND/OPTIONS**

- 3.1. The role of Internal Audit is to provide the Audit Committee, and management, with independent assurance on the effectiveness of the internal control environment. Internal audit coverage is planned so that the focus is upon those areas and risks which will most impact upon the Council's ability to achieve its objectives.
- 3.2. The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards require that the Chief Internal Auditor presents an annual report to the Audit Committee.
- 3.3. The purpose of the report is for the Audit Committee to consider the Annual Internal Audit Report for 2021/22 and be made aware of the Chief Internal Auditor's opinion on the Internal Control Framework within East Cambridgeshire District Council.

4. **ARGUMENTS/CONCLUSIONS**

- 4.1. The attached report (Appendix 1) summarises the opinion of the Chief Internal Auditor for 2021/22 and the basis for this opinion.

5. **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1. There are no additional financial implications arising from this report. An Equality Impact Assessment is not required.

6. **APPENDICES**

- 6.1. Appendix 1 – Internal Audit Annual Report 2021/22

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**Background Documents**

None

**Location**

Room 207  
The Grange  
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