

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Pensions Committee
DATE	24 March 2023
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Internal Audit Plan 2023-26
REPORT NUMBER	IA/23/002
DIRECTOR	N/A
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	2.2

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the attached Internal Audit plan for 2023-26

2. RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Committee approve the attached Internal Audit Plan for 2023-26.

3. CURRENT SITUATION

- 3.1 It is one of the functions of the Pensions Committee to approve the Internal Audit plan relating to the North East of Scotland Pension Fund.
- 3.2 The audits included in the attached plan, as well as those in previous and future plans, will help familiarise Internal Audit with the Pension Fund's control environment and governance arrangements, allowing assurance to be provided regarding those arrangements. Where opportunities for improvement in controls and their application, or improvements in value for money, are identified these will be reported along with recommendations for management to consider. Where appropriate, Internal Audit will obtain assurance from other sources, for example external audit, based on their work and reported outcomes.
- 3.3 Internal Audit's work will be undertaken in compliance with Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and Aberdeen City Council's Internal Audit Charter as approved by the Audit, Risk and Scrutiny Committee.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

6. RISK

6.1 The Internal Audit process considers risks involved in the areas subject to review. Any risk implications identified through the Internal Audit process are detailed in the resultant Internal Audit reports. The purpose of this report is to seek approval for the Internal Audit plan.

7. OUTCOMES

7.1 There are no direct impacts, as a result of this report, in relation to the Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes of Prosperous Economy, People or Place.

7.2 However, Internal Audit plays a key role in providing assurance over, and helping to improve, the Council's framework of governance, risk management and control. These arrangements, put in place by the Council, help ensure that the Council achieves its strategic objectives in a well-managed and controlled environment.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Impact Assessment	An assessment is not required because the reason for this report is for Committee to consider Internal Audit's annual report. As a result, there will be no differential impact, as a result of the proposals in this report, on people with protected characteristics.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

9.1 There are no relevant background papers related directly to this report.

10. APPENDICES

10.1 Appendix A – North East Scotland Pension Fund - Internal Audit Plan - 2023-26

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