

AC23. Internal Audit Plan 2021/22

The committee considered a report by the Internal Audit Manager (Acting) presenting the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan for approval.

Two reviews were proposed – Directions (which had been carried forward from the 2020/21 Plan) and Business Continuity and Resilience:- this would be a review of the impact of Covid 19 on existing business continuity and resilience arrangements, as well as the arrangements for recovery and reconfiguration. It would include a focus on the review and integration of Health and Social Care Partnership resilience planning frameworks.

Reports would be provided to the Audit Committee detailing progress in completing the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan and highlighting any key findings or emerging themes.

Internal Audit would produce an Annual Assurance Report providing an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the IJB's control environment. This report would include a summary of work undertaken and a comparison of work completed against work planned.

Following a question Mrs Wright stated that although the Plan featured two audits, she was comfortable that Internal Audit would be able to rely on wider opinion when considering the overall assurance later in the year.

Decision

The committee:-

- (1) approved the Internal Audit Plan for 2021/22, and**
- (2) noted that progress would be reported to the Audit Committee on an ongoing basis.**