

**Report to:            Audit Committee**

**Date of Meeting:    17 August 2023**

**Report Title:        Quality Assurance Improvement Programme**

**Report By:           Mark Winton, Chief Internal Auditor**

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### **Purpose of Report**

To inform the Audit Committee of the Quality Assurance Improvement Programme and Quality Assurance arrangements being introduced for the Internal Audit Service.

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### **Recommendation(s)**

**The Committee is recommended to:**

**1. Note the contents of the Quality Assurance Improvement Programme**

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### **Reasons for Recommendations**

- i) To comply with the requirements set out in the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards 2013 (amended April 2017).
- ii) The Quality Assurance Improvement Programme is crucial in providing assurance to the Audit Committee over the quality control mechanisms in place for the Internal Audit service.

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## Introduction and Background

1. The Quality Assurance Improvement Programme forms part of a number of planned improvements to the Internal Audit service.
2. The Quality Assurance Improvement Programme provides a framework to ensure a quality service is provided.

## Relevant Policy / Professional Standards

3. Internal Audit follows the mandatory standards set out in the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) published by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) and the Chartered Institute of Internal Auditors.

## Timetable of Next Steps

4. Please include a list of key actions and the scheduled dates for these:

Action	Key milestone	Due date (provisional)	Responsible
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## Wards Affected

None.

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## Implications

Please identify if this report contains any implications for the following:

Equalities and Community Cohesiveness	No
Crime and Fear of Crime (Section 17)	No
Risk Management	Yes
Environmental Issues	No
Economic/Financial Implications	Yes
Human Rights Act	No
Organisational Consequences	No
Local People's Views	No
Anti-Poverty	No
Climate Change	No

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## Additional Information

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