

AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

3 February 2023

RISK AND ASSURANCE MAP - CONSULTATION FOR 2023/24

Report of the Assistant Director of Assurance and Property Services

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 Each year the Audit and Governance Committee is consulted at an early stage on the development of the plans of work for Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance for the forthcoming year to give members the opportunity to raise any issues which they feel should be considered.
- 1.2 The allocation of resources will continue to be flexible throughout the year. Based on knowledge of the work of the Council currently, there are a number of areas that are expected to be a priority for 2023/24. These are as follows:
- On-going audit work in relation to Council owned companies: Sunderland Care and Support, Together for Children and Siglion.
 - Activity to deliver the City Plan, including the management of risks and projects to deliver key priorities.
 - Overall programme of City Development Regeneration projects.
 - Council's Smart Cities programme.
 - Council's approach to Cyber Security.
 - Compliance with the Asset Management Policy and Strategy.
 - Compliance with the Council's pay and grading model.
 - Compliance with the Civil Contingencies Act.
 - Management of Council operational property leases.
 - Corporate Service Planning arrangements.
 - Preparation for potential Devolution.
 - Management of vulnerable groups funding.
 - National Fraud Initiative and counter fraud work.
 - Key corporate functions/systems, particularly where significant changes / budget reductions are planned or have occurred.

Consultation with the Chief Officers and key senior managers is ongoing and will be considered as part of the finalisation of the plan before presenting to the Committee in April.

- 1.3 A discussion will be held at the Committee to seek its input for the Risk and Assurance Map, and the plans of work for Internal Audit and Risk and Assurance for 2023/24.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to consider and comment on the areas mentioned above and any additional areas which they would like to be considered.