

Audit Committee Meeting	
Meeting Date	24 November 2021
Report Title	Interim Internal Audit & Assurance Report 2021/22
Cabinet Member	Cllr Roger Truelove, Cabinet Member for Finance, and Council Leader
SMT Lead	Lisa Fillery, Director of Resources
Head of Service	Rich Clarke, Head of Audit Partnership
Lead Officer	Rich Clarke, Head of Audit Partnership
Key Decision	No
Classification	Open
Recommendations	1. Note work so far towards completing the 2021/22 Audit & Assurance plan and updates on the Mid Kent Audit Partnership.

1 Purpose of Report and Executive Summary

- 1.1 Summarising the work towards completing the 2021/22 Audit & Assurance Plan agreed by this Committee in March 2021. Also gives updates on changes within the Mid Kent Audit Partnership, including the imminent departure of the Head of Audit Partnership.

2 Background

- 2.1 This Committee approved the 2021/22 Audit & Assurance plan earlier this year. This report summarises progress towards delivering the plan up to mid-October 2021, and sets out the path towards completing the plan over the next 6 months. It also provides updates on staffing within the service including the forthcoming departure of the Head of Audit Partnership.
- 2.2 The report confirms the current view of the Head of Audit Partnership that the service holds sufficient resource to accumulate enough evidence to support a year end opinion. The Head of Audit Partnership will update Senior Management and Members promptly should any concerns arise.

3 Proposals

- 3.1 We present the report for Member information and for noting.

4 Consultation Undertaken or Proposed

- 4.1 The format and information presented in the report builds on Committee feedback to previous audit summary reports.

5 Implications

Issue	Implications
Corporate Plan	The report is for noting only, providing to Members an update on progress. It seeks no new decisions and makes no new proposals. Remaining work will be completed within agreed budgets and within agreed staffing levels.
Financial, Resource and Property	
Legal, Statutory and Procurement	
Crime and Disorder	
Environment and Climate/ Ecological Emergency	
Health and Wellbeing	
Safeguarding of Children, Young People and Vulnerable Adults	
Risk Management and Health and Safety	
Equality and Diversity	
Privacy and Data Protection	

6 Appendices

- 6.1 The following documents are to be published with this report and form part of the report:
- Appendix I: Internal Audit Interim Report 2021/22

7 Background Papers

Various referenced background papers and guidance documents are included as hyperlinks within appendix 1.