

## **NEW INTERNAL AUDIT PROVIDER: DRAFT CHARTER**

REPORT OF: HEAD OF CORPORATE RESOURCES  
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Key Decision: No  
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### **Purpose of Report**

1. To introduce the new provider of the Internal Audit service and set out some service parameters and standards.

### **Recommendations**

2. **The Committee is recommended to:**
    - (i) **agree the Draft Charter.**
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### **Background**

3. Until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2021, the Internal Audit service was provided through a shared service agreement with Crawley Borough Council. This arrangement had been in place for around 9 years.
4. This has now come to an end and the service is being provided by Mazars through a framework contract set up by the London Borough of Croydon.
5. As part of the contract initialisation with Mazars, a draft Charter is to be agreed in order that both parties define expectations; this is attached at Appendix 1.
6. Members are invited to consider this Charter and will be able to discuss its contents with the Director of Mazars responsible for delivering our contract.

### **Policy Context**

7. The Internal Audit service allows the S151 Officer to have assurance that finance and other systems are operating correctly and are properly controlled.

### **Other Options Considered**

8. None.

### **Financial Implications**

9. None. The service is expected to remain within budget.

### **Risk Management Implications**

10. The Internal Audit service is concerned with managing risk and to that end, will enhance the governance framework to reduce risk.

### **Equality and Customer Service Implications**

11. None.

### **Other Material Implications**

12. None.

### **Sustainability Implications**

13. None

### **Background Papers**

- None.