



Buckinghamshire & Milton Keynes Fire Authority

Meeting and date: Overview and Audit Committee, 20 July 2022

Report title: 2021/22 Annual Audit Report

Lead Member: Councillor David Carroll

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Action: Noting

Recommendations: That Members note the progress on the Annual Internal Audit Plan

Executive summary:

The Account and Audit Regulations require the Fire Authority to maintain an adequate and effective Internal Audit Service in accordance with proper internal audit practices. The CIPFA Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS), which sets out proper practice for Internal Audit, requires the Chief Internal Auditor (CIA) to provide a written report to those charged with governance, to support the Annual Governance Statement (AGS), which should include an opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Fire Authority's control environment.

The Chief Internal Auditor's opinion is that the Fire Authority's system of internal control and risk management facilitates the effective exercise of the Authority's functions. This provides **Reasonable** assurance regarding the effective efficient and economic exercise of the Authority's functions.

This opinion is reflected in the Annual Governance Statement.

Financial implications: The audit work is contained within the 2021/22 budget.

Risk management: There are no risk implications arising from this report.

Legal implications: There are no legal implications arising from this report.

Privacy and security implications: There are no privacy and security implications arising from this report.

Duty to collaborate: Not applicable.

Health and safety implications: There are no health and safety implications arising from this report.

Environmental implications: There are no environmental implications arising from this report.

Equality, diversity, and inclusion implications: There are no equality and diversity implications arising from this report.

Consultation and communication: Not applicable.

Background papers:

Appendix	Title	Protective Marking
1	Annual Audit Report	Not applicable