

Efficiency, Improvement & Transformation

Officer Led Task and Finish Review

Review Title

Scope

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Select Committee: Arts Leisure and Culture	Type of Review: Task and Finish
Timeline Options to select 24th November Cabinet 16th December	
1. What services are included?	
<p>Internal Audit</p> <p>Internal Audit is an assurance function that provides an independent and objective opinion to the organisation on the control environment, by evaluating its effectiveness in achieving the organisation's objectives. It objectively examines, evaluates and reports on the adequacy of the control environment as a contribution to the proper, economic, efficient and effective use of resources. At present this is carried out via;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Systems audits,• Computer systems audits,• Contract and capital schemes audits,• Partnership audits, including Xentrall partnership reports to DBC.• School Financial Management Standards in Schools (FMSiS) accreditation, and• Ad-hoc/ special investigations work. <p>The Accounts and Audit Regulations (2006) state all principal local authorities must make provision for an internal audit service that complies with the CIPFA Code of Practice for Internal Audit in Local Government in the UK (2006).</p>	
2. Task & Finish Teams overall aim / objectives in doing this work is:	
<p>To ensure the compliance with statutory obligations by the provision of an efficient, effective and value for money internal audit service.</p>	

3. Please give an initial indication how transformation will enable efficiencies and improvements to be delivered by this EIT review?

The reassessment of current working practices.

The examination of current functions with a view to realignment or merger.