

Meeting Name:	Audit, governance and standards committee
Date:	5 September 2024
Report title:	Internal Audit annual report and annual statement of assurance 2023-24, and schools annual summary report 2023-24
Ward(s) or groups affected:	All
Classification:	Open
Reason for lateness (if applicable):	N/A
From:	Strategic Director of Finance

RECOMMENDATION

1. That the audit, governance and standards committee note the annual report and annual statement of assurance 2023-24, as attached at Appendix A.
2. That the audit, governance and standards committee note the schools annual summary report 2023-24, as attached at Appendix B.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

3. These reports detail the work undertaken by internal audit for Southwark Council for 2023-24 and provide an overview of the effectiveness of the controls in place for the full year, and summarise the outcomes of the London Borough of Southwark school audit programme completed during 2023/24 by BDO LLP on behalf of the Council.

Policy framework implications

4. This report is not considered to have direct policy implications.

Community, equalities (including socio-economic) and health impacts

Community impact statement

5. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant impact on any particular community or group.

Equalities (including socio-economic) impact statement

6. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant equalities impact.

Health impact statement

7. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant health impact.

Further guidance

8. None required.

Climate change implications

9. This report is not considered to contain any proposals that would have a significant impact on climate change.

Resource implications

10. If there are direct resource implications in this report, such as the payment of fees, these will be met from existing budget provision.

Consultation

11. There has been no consultation on this report.

SUPPLEMENTARY ADVICE FROM OTHER OFFICERS

12. None required.

BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

Background Papers	Held At	Contact
None		

APPENDICES

No.	Title
Appendix A	Internal Audit annual report and annual statement of assurance 2023-24
Appendix B	Internal Audit Schools annual summary report 2023-24

AUDIT TRAIL

Lead Officer	Clive Palfreyman, Strategic Director of Finance	
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CONSULTATION WITH OTHER OFFICERS / DIRECTORATES / CABINET MEMBER		
Officer Title	Comments sought	Comments included
Assistant Chief Executive, Governance and Assurance	No	N/A
Strategic Director of Finance	No	N/A
Cabinet Member	No	No
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