- SPT Annual Claim

The report also provided information on the work carried out by the Counter Fraud Team (CFT); the continuous monitoring programme and the progress of work carried out as a result of information received from the National Fraud Initiative (NFI).

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee reviewed and endorsed the Summary of Activities report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Internal Auditor, dated 13 June 2024, submitted)

5.

Consideration was given to a report which provided an update on all open actions as at 31 March 2024 including information on actions where the agreed implementation date had been rescheduled.

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the contents of the report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Internal Auditor, dated 13 June 2024, submitted)

6.

The Committee gave consideration to a report which outlined the work undertaken by Internal Audit in respect of the Annual Audit Plan 2023/24 and advised of the contents of the Chief Internal Auditor's (CIA) independent annual opinion on the effectiveness of the Council's risk management, internal control and governance processes.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, took the opportunity to recognise the volume of work undertaken by the Internal Audit team and thanked them for their continued hard work and support.

Decision

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee endorsed the content of the report and the associated annual opinion of the Chief Internal Auditor.

(Reference: Report by Chief Internal Auditor, dated 13 June 2024, submitted)

Councillor Hampsey joined the meeting during discussions of agenda item 6 (Internal Audit – Annual Report 2023/24)

7.

Consideration was given to a report which advised that the statement of governance and internal control for 2022/23 had been reviewed and updated which allowed the Council to include a statement of governance and internal control in the Annual Accounts for 2023/24. The draft Statement of Governance and Internal Control 2023/24 was presented as Appendix 1 to the report.

The Audit and Scrutiny Committee reviewed and endorsed the report.

(Reference: Report by Chief Internal Auditor, submitted)