#### ARGYLL AND BUTE COUNCIL

### **AUDIT AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

## **FINANCIAL SERVICES**

14 MARCH 2024

### INTERNAL AUDIT CHARTER AND INTERNAL AUDIT MANUAL

### 1. SUMMARY

1.1 This report outlines the proposed changes to the Internal Audit Charter and Internal Audit Manual. Both have been updated to reflect minor changes in the working practices within Internal Audit.

# 2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To approve the amended Internal Audit Charter (Appendix 1).
- 2.2 To approve the amended Internal Audit Manual (Appendix 2).

# 3.0 DETAIL.

- 3.1 Under the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) Internal Audit is required to prepare an Internal Audit Charter, consistent with the Mission of Internal Audit that defines internal audit's purpose, authority and responsibility.
- 3.2 However just having a Charter is not sufficient to comply with the requirements of PSIAS. The requirement for a Charter is just one element of PSIAS. Full compliance requires the adoption of a range of principles and working practices which are closely aligned to the requirements as set out in PSIAS.
- 3.3 Whilst there is no written requirement, within PSIAS, for an Internal Audit Manual to be created, in general, it is considered good practice to develop a manual to help guide the overall management and administration of the department and the audit approach adopted. Given the mandatory nature of PSIAS it also makes sense for that manual to be consist-3()-51(t3)-3(I

Chief Internal Auditor 14 March 2024