

**NORTH WEST LEICESTERSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**AUDIT AND GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE – WEDNESDAY, 7  
AUGUST 2024**



<b>Title of Report</b>	<b>ANNUAL AUDIT OPINION</b>	
<b>Presented by</b>	Kerry Beavis Audit Manager	
<b>Background Papers</b>	<a href="#">Public Sector Internal Audit Standards</a>	<b>Public Report:</b> Yes
<b>Financial Implications</b>	None arising from this report	
	<b>Signed off by the Section 151 Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Legal Implications</b>	None arising from this report	
	<b>Signed off by the Monitoring Officer:</b> Yes	
<b>Staffing and Corporate Implications</b>	None arising from this report	
	<b>Signed off by the Head of Paid Service:</b> Yes	
<b>Purpose of Report</b>	<p>To present the annual internal audit opinion on the overall adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's framework of governance, risk management and internal control.</p> <p>This is required by the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and should be used to inform the Annual Governance Statement.</p>	
<b>Recommendations</b>	<b>THAT THE COMMITTEE NOTES THIS REPORT AND COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE.</b>	

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

1.1 As set out in the Public Sector Internal Audit Standard (PSIAS) 2450, the Chief Audit Executive (Audit Manager) must provide an annual report to the board (Audit and Governance Committee) timed to support the Annual Governance Statement. This report and opinion should be considered as part of the evidence supporting the Annual Governance Statement.

<b>Policies and other considerations, as appropriate</b>	
Council Priorities:	A Well-Run Council
Policy Considerations:	None
Safeguarding:	None
Equalities/Diversity:	None
Customer Impact:	None
Economic and Social Impact:	None
Environment, Climate Change and Zero Carbon	None
Consultation/Community/Tenant Engagement:	The Director of Resources has been consulted.
Risks:	Non-compliance with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.
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