

SERVICE DESCRIPTION FORM

Department: Corporate Services	
Service: Internal Audit	
Income	(£000s)
None	
Description: Internal Audit provides the council with assurance regarding effectiveness of financial controls and compliance with those controls. This is achieved through an annual work programme that is submitted to the Audit and Performance Review Committee for consideration. The external auditors assess the effectiveness of the council's internal audit function and continue to place reliance on their work which in turn has an impact on the amount of work they need to do to complete their statutory audit. The internal audit team lead on risk management and coordinating the annual governance statement for the council. The manager also has responsibility for the council's involvement in the national data matching exercises. As and when required, special investigations are undertaken by the internal audit team.	
Outcomes / impacts: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Minimises the incidence of fraudulent activity.• reduces the fee level from the external auditor.• Contributes to overall good governance arrangements.	