

North Yorkshire County Council

Pension Board

6 October 2022

Internal Audit update

Purpose of Report

To provide the Pension Board with an update on internal audit activity

Audit Plan 2021/22

The audit plan for 2021/22 was approved by the Pensions Board on 7 October 2021. The current status of each audit is as shown below

<u>Audit</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Status</u>
Pension Fund Investments	15	Final – Substantial Assurance
Pension Fund IT	15	Final – Substantial Assurance
Pension Fund Expenditure	15	Final – Substantial Assurance

All three completed audits are attached as Appendix 1.

All actions from 2020/21 audits had been completed prior to the previous meeting. The only outstanding actions are therefore those relating to the reports included as Appendix 1. Details are shown in Appendix 2.

Audit Plan 2022/23

In accordance with professional standards and the County Council’s Audit Charter, internal audit plans are prepared on the basis of a risk assessment. This is intended to ensure that limited audit resources are prioritised towards those systems and areas which are considered to be the most risky and/or which contribute the most to the achievement of corporate priorities and objectives. Suggested areas for inclusion in the plan have been discussed with officers. The proposed plan for 2022/23 is detailed below

Audit	Description	Days
Expenditure	The audit will review the processes in place to manage changes to pensions, and the processes to end pension payments. The audit will also review the processes in place to ensure payments continue correctly following enhancements to the pensions system due to be delivered by 31 December 2022.	15
Income	A review of the processes to manage pension fund income. The audit will cover procedures to manage the collection of income, particularly AVC related income and transfers and strain payments.	15
Investments	The audit will review the processes and controls in place to manage the movements of assets for reallocation and rebalancing, and the assurances provided by the remaining fund managers.	15
Advice and support	An allowance of time to provide advice and support and attendance at Pensions Board	5
Total		50

Recommendation

Pension Board Members are asked to note this report

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