



For information

Title: Appointment of Internal Auditor 2025 to 2028

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Purpose

This paper presents an update on the process underway to appoint an independent internal auditor for the period 2025 to 2028.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

- a) Note the update on the appointment of internal auditor for 2025 to 2028
- b) Note that an internal audit plan will be presented to a future committee meeting following completion of the appointment process

Executive Summary

1. The current internal audit contract comes to an end at the end of March 2025. Park Authority managers have therefore conducted a procurement exercise to identify an internal audit provider for the period 2025 to 2028.
2. At the point of issuing papers supporting this Committee meeting, we are close to the end of the procurement process and will provide a further update on this process to the Committee at the meeting.
3. We recognise that the procurement and appointment of internal auditors has resulted in a short delay in the normal process at this point in the Committee's cycle of considering an internal audit plan for the year ahead, within the context of a longer-term internal audit strategy. We expect the process of appointing internal auditors will be completed well in advance of the next scheduled meeting of the Audit and Risk Committee in June 2025. This will allow forward internal audit plans for the next three years, and for the more detailed plan for 2025/26 to be considered at this next meeting. This timetable will provide sufficient time for delivery of internal audit work over the subsequent 9 months of 2025/26.