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| <b>Committee(s)</b>   | <b>Dated:</b>          |
| Audit and Risk Management Committee   | 10/07/2023             |
| <b>Subject: Internal Audit External Quality Assessment</b>  | <b>Public</b>          |
| <b>Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?</b> | <b>N/A</b>             |
| <b>Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?</b>                                  | <b>N</b>               |
| <b>If so, how much?</b>   | <b>N/A</b>             |
| <b>What is the source of Funding?</b>   | <b>N/A</b>             |
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| <b>Report of: Chamberlain</b>   | <b>For Information</b> |
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### **Summary**

In accordance with the requirements of the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards, an External Quality Assessment (EQA) has been undertaken in respect of the Internal Audit service. The EQA concludes that the service "generally conforms to the standards"

### **Recommendation(s)**

Members are asked to note the report and the findings of the EQA.

### **Main Report**

#### **Background**

1. The Public Sector Internal Audit Standards (PSIAS) require an external quality assessment be undertaken at least every five years. The PSIAS are mandatory and apply in full to the City of London Corporation.

#### **Current Position**

2. Across London, the London Audit Group has organised a system of independently validated assessments. It has been agreed that self-assessments will be completed and that these will be validated by suitably qualified individuals or teams from other members of the group.
3. The review of internal audit's performance at the City of London has been led by Mike Pinder, Assistant Director, Audit and Investigations Ealing and Hounslow Shared Service. The full report from the EQA is included as Appendix 1 to this report. A small number of recommendations have been made, these are duly noted by the Head of Internal Audit and an action plan has been agreed, progress in implementing these recommendations will be reported to this Committee.

4. Based on the self-assessment, supporting evidence and independent validation it is the view of the lead assessor that the Internal Audit service for the City of London **generally conforms with the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards**. This is the highest category of conformance, full definitions of all the ratings are detailed in the assessor's report.

## **Conclusion**

5. Members should note the findings from the EQA review; the Internal Audit service at the City of London Corporation generally conforms with the PSIAS.

## **Appendices**

- **Appendix 1** EQA Final Report

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