



# Saxilby with Ingleby Parish Council

## Non-confidential

### Annual Review of Internal Audit

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**Report to:** Full Council 23-10

**Report by:** Clerk

**Power/duty which decision falls under:** General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011

**Which council objective(s) it falls under:**

- N/A

**Consideration on carbon reduction:**

- N/A

**Public Sector Equality Duty (*Consider or think about how policies or decisions affect people who are protected under the Equality Act*)**

- N/A

**Consideration of risk management in relation to the proposal<sup>1</sup>**

A sound appointment is important to ensure the internal auditor meets good practice standards to ensure competence and council compliance with regulations. Without sound internal audit the council would be subjected to a higher level of risk.

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<sup>1</sup>*Risk areas to consider - strategic/operational, likelihood/impact, add to risk register?, any contingency planning needed?*

## Background: JPAG Guidance (NALC, 2023)



4.2 Smaller authorities are required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 to 'undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of its risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account public sector internal auditing standards or guidance'.

4.6. In addition to ensuring the appointed internal auditor has relevant knowledge of the public sector, there are two key principles an authority must follow in appointing an internal audit provider: independence and competence.

4.11. There is no requirement to rotate auditors but the independence of the appointed person or firm should be reviewed every year with regard to; personal independence, financial independence, and professional independence.

### Report

Based on the above, Full Council are required to review the internal auditor's personal independence, financial independence, and professional independence, annually.

The internal auditor's suitability, independence, and competence was determined at the point of appointment.

The internal auditor (Sandra Waller) remains independent of the council and officers – personally, financially (save for being paid for their internal audit service), and professionally.

### RECOMMENDATION(S):

**That Full Council notes the report and agrees for Sandra Waller to continue with internal audit for the authority.**