Blaby District Council

Audit & Corporate Governance Committee

Date of Meeting	**27 July 2026**
Title of Report	**Internal Audit Annual Report**
Report Author	**Shared Service Audit Manager**

1. What is this report about?

1.1 The report presents the Internal Audit Annual Report for 2025/26 for the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee.

2. Recommendation

2.1 That the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee notes this report and comments as appropriate.

3. Reason for Decision Recommended

3.1 To enable the Audit Committee to consider the report prior to receiving the Annual Governance Statement for consideration.

4. Matters to consider

4.1 Background

In accordance with the CIPFA Code of Practice for the Governance of Internal Audit in UK Local Government, the Head of Internal Audit (Audit Manager) is required to provide an annual report and opinion to the Audit and Corporate Governance Committee. This report is timed to support the preparation of the Annual Governance Statement (AGS) and forms a key source of assurance within the Council's overall governance framework. The annual opinion provides an evidence-based assessment of the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's arrangements for governance, risk management and internal control, and should be taken into account in preparing and supporting the AGS.

4.2 Relevant Consultations

The report was presented to the Senior Leadership Team on 30 June 2026.

4.3 Significant Issues

None.

5. What will it cost and are there opportunities for savings?

5.1 No costs or opportunities for savings in the context of this report.

6. What are the risks and how can they be reduced?

6.1 There are no risks relating to this report.

7. Other options considered

7.1 Not applicable.

8. Other significant issues

8.1 In preparing this report, the author has considered issues related to Human Rights, Legal Matters, Human Resources, Equalities, Public Health Inequalities, and Climate Local and there are no areas of concern.

9. Appendix

9.1 Appendix 1 – Internal Audit Annual Report 2025-26

10. Background paper(s)

Global Internal Audit Standards
CIPFA Application Note – Global Internal Audit Standards in the UK Public Sector
CIPFA Code of Practice for the Governance of Internal Audit in UK Local Government

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