

# Internal Audit and Counter Fraud

## Surrey Pension Fund Internal Audit

### Progress Report for Quarter Two 2023-24

#### November 2023

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### 1. Summary of Completed Audits

No audits completed to final report stage in quarter two.

### 2. Action Tracking

- 2.1 We seek written confirmation from the Pensions team that all high priority actions due for implementation are complete. Where follow-up audits are undertaken, we reassess the progress of all agreed actions (low, medium, and high priority). Periodically we may also carry out random sample checks of all priority of actions.
- 2.2 All high-priority actions due to be implemented by management by the end of September have been implemented.

### 3. Pension Fund Audit Plan Update

- 3.1 In accordance with proper professional practice, the Internal Audit annual plan for Surrey Pension Fund is kept under regular review to ensure that we continue to focus our resources in the highest priority areas based on an assessment of risk.
- 3.2 Below is an overview including relevant updates of the Fund’s Internal Audit Plan for 2023/24:

Audit Name	Audit Status	Audit Opinion (If Applicable)
Cyber Security	Draft Report Issued	Reasonable Assurance anticipated at draft report stage
i-Connect Application Control	Not yet started	
Administration Review – Transfers In	Fieldwork underway	
Pension Fund Investments	Not yet started	
Admission Arrangements	Not yet started	
Follow Up of the LGPS Performance Management Review	Completed – Final Report Issued	Substantial Assurance

<p>Follow up of the Banking Controls Review</p>	<p>Initial Review Completed as part of 22/23 audit plan - Interim Final Report issued in Q1 this year, further review work will be needed later in the year due to delays associated with the MySurrey implementation</p>	<p>No opinion given at this stage - However, further follow up work will be completed later in the year</p>
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## Audit Opinions and Definitions

Opinion	Definition
<b>Substantial Assurance</b>	Controls are in place and are operating as expected to manage key risks to the achievement of system or service objectives.
<b>Reasonable Assurance</b>	Most controls are in place and are operating as expected to manage key risks to the achievement of system or service objectives.
<b>Partial Assurance</b>	There are weaknesses in the system of control and/or the level of non-compliance is such as to put the achievement of the system or service objectives at risk.
<b>Minimal Assurance</b>	Controls are generally weak or non-existent, leaving the system open to the risk of significant error or fraud. There is a high risk to the ability of the system/service to meet its objectives.