

Appointment of an Internal Auditor for 2025-26

The Role of an Internal Auditor

An internal auditor in local government provides independent, objective assurance designed to add value and improve the way in which the Council operates.

They help the Council accomplish its objectives by using a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance. This will ensure efficiency, compliance, and the protection of public assets.

Their work involves checking that controls are working, that the council is following legislation and policies, and identifying and managing risks such as fraud, cybersecurity, and financial risks.

Wem Town Council Internal Auditor

Competitive quotes were last sought in 2021 and JDH Business were appointed as the Town Council's Internal Auditor. Their intermediate and year-end reports demonstrate that they are thorough and rigorous in their approach to the Council's internal audit and they have been reappointed each year since 2021.

Recommendation

It is recommended that JDH are appointed for 2025-26 and competitive quotes are sought every five years – ie for the 2026-27 audit onwards.