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Using Internal Audits as Strategic Tools for Change

What is an Internal Audit?

Run Down

- External vs Internal Audit
- What happens at an Internal Audit?
- What Benefits occur from an Internal Audit?
- Driving Change & Goal Setting
- Audit Scope
- Change Management
- Our approach to Internal Audit.

"The Auditors" are coming...

External Audit vs Internal Audit

External

- Financial accounting and reporting, verify financial result
- Generally annual process

Internal

- More regular, rolling schedule
- Broader range of topics across all operations
- Linked to risks
- Independent from external audit

What happens in an Internal Audit?





Independent Evaluation Objective Assessment







System Assessment Analytical Approach Completed by Experts

Benefits from Internal Audit







Identifying Areas for Improvement

Assess Efficiency Builds Culture







Assist in Staff Accountability Fraud Controls

Compliance

Driving Change & Goal Setting

What do you want the audit to accomplish?

Areas for improvement?

Process Mapping and increasing efficiency?

Compliance?

Can't drive change if the audit isn't fit for purpose. The scope of the audit has to be right.



Audit Scope

Needs to be well defined.

Don't just accept what your auditors suggest.

Know your subject

Set clear goals for what the audit will accomplish.

Too narrow or too broad will limit its impact

Make it relevant so it can drive change

Change Management





Internal Audit

Data-Driven Insights





Continuous Improvement Efficiency Assessment

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Audit and Risk Committee meets 4 times a year

3 Accountable Officers - Clerks & DPS Secretary

Internal Auditors and External Audit attend when appropriate

Purpose

Guides and approves internal audit program.

Our Audit Plan FY23 – FY25

Project Name	FY23	FY24	FY25
Core Process Reviews			
Procurement and Payables		✓	
Asset Management			✓
Payroll Processing	√		
Prevention of Fraud and Corruption			✓
Gifts, Benefits and Hospitality		√	
Business Continuity (focus on governance, succession planning, COVID response)	✓		
Risk Management Framework		✓	
Privacy			√

Our Audit Plan FY23 – FY25

Project Name	FY23	FY24	FY25
Information Technology Reviews			
Cyber Security - Red Team Assessment		✓	
IT General Controls			✓
Strategic/Operation Reviews			
Records Management			√
Post Implementation Review of Election Project Management		✓	
Follow Up Review of Key Management Actions (59 th Parliament)	√		
Capital Works Program Management (Precinct and Electorate Offices)	√		
Management of Electorate Office and Communications Budget	✓		
Review of Parliamentary Allowances (instead of EOCB)		\checkmark	
Outcomes and Performance Reporting			\checkmark

Upcoming Audit - Next Week!





Payroll Processing

Compliance







Value Add

Electronic Timesheets Payroll Officer Duties

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Any Questions?