

Internal Audit Progress Report

Corporate Priority:	All
Relevant Ward Member(s):	All
Date of consultation with Ward Member(s):	Not applicable
Exempt Information:	No

1 Summary

- 1.1 The report updates Members on progress made in delivering the 2021/22 Internal Audit Plan and key findings arising from audit assignments completed.

2 RECOMMENDATION

That Committee:

- 2.1 Note the report and progress made by the Internal Audit team in the delivery of the Audit Plan.

3 Reason for Recommendations

- 3.1 To inform the committee on progress made by Internal Audit on plan delivery and outcome of assignments.

4 Background

- 4.1 The Audit and Standards Committee approved the Audit Plan for 2021/22 at the meeting in March 2021.

5 Main Considerations

- 5.1 The progress achieved to date in delivering the 2021/22 Audit Plan is set out in Appendix A. At the time of reporting, 65% of planned assignments are either complete or in progress and a further audit report has been finalised.
- 5.2 The key findings of the audit assignments completed to date are provided within Appendix A.
- 5.3 At the date of reporting, there are 25 agreed management actions which are overdue for implementation. Further details are provided in Appendix A.

6 Consultation

- 6.1 Not applicable.

7 Next Steps – Implementation and Communication

- 7.1 The regular update reports from Internal Audit should allow the Committee to develop independent assurance about the quality of the Council’s internal control framework.

8 Financial Implications

- 8.1 There are no financial or other resource implications arising directly from this report.

Financial Implications reviewed by: Director for Corporate Services

9 Legal and Governance Implications

- 9.1 Internal Audit is a statutory requirement as required under the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 which state “A relevant authority must 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”

Legal Implications reviewed by: Monitoring Officer

10 Equality and Safeguarding Implications

- 10.1 There are no equalities or safeguarding implications arising directly from this report.

11 Community Safety Implications

- 11.1 There are no community safety implications arising directly from this report.

12 Environmental and Climate Change Implications

- 12.1 There are no environmental and climate change implications arising directly from this report.

13 Other Implications (where significant)

13.1 There are no other implications arising directly from this report.

14 Risk & Mitigation

14.1 The annual Internal Audit report forms part of the evidence that supports the Council's Annual Governance Statement and provides assurance over the adequacy and effectiveness of the Council's internal controls to manage the key risks and inform risk management arrangements.

15 Background Papers

15.1 Not applicable

16 Appendices

16.1 Appendix A: Internal Audit Update – September 2021

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