

AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

31 January 2017

INTERNAL AUDIT UPDATE

Report of the Head of Internal Audit

Strategic Aim:	All		
Exempt Information		No	
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Ward Councillors	N/A		

DECISION RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Members note the Internal Audit update report (Appendix A).

1 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the progress made in delivering the 2016/17 Annual Audit Plan and key findings arising from audit assignments completed since the last Committee meeting.

2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

2.1 Update on Delivery of Internal Audit Plan

The progress made to date in delivering the 2016/17 audit plan is set out in Appendix A. At the time of reporting, six reports have been finalised, two reports are in draft awaiting management comment and work is in progress on a further eight assignments.

2.2 The opinions of the reports finalised are as follows:

- a) Fostering – Limited (Full report in Appendix B)
- b) Development Control – Substantial (Summary in Appendix C)
- c) SEN Transport – Sufficient (Summary in Appendix C)

- d) Liquid Logic Implementation – Sufficient (Summary in Appendix C)
- e) OEP follow up – 8/9 recommendations implemented (Summary in Appendix C)

2.3 Implementation of Recommendations

- 2.4 Internal Audit request that officers provide updates on all open audit actions on a monthly basis.
- 2.5 Since the last Committee meeting, eleven recommendations have been implemented. At the date of reporting, there are eleven open audit actions, six of which are overdue for implementation. Three actions were due for implementation over three months ago, two of which were categorised as medium priority.

3 CONSULTATION

- 3.1 No formal consultation is required.

4 ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS

- 4.1 The Committee is asked to note the report but may wish to receive an earlier update on any limited assurance reports.

5 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

6 LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Audit and Risk Committee is responsible for oversight of the work of Internal Audit including approving the annual report and satisfying itself that the conclusions reached are reasonable in light of the work undertaken. It is also responsible for gaining assurance that internal audit is complying with internal audit standards.
- 6.2 There are no legal implications arising from this report

7 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

- 7.1 There are no equality implications

8 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no community safety implications

9 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS

- 9.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications.

10 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

- 10.1 The latest update report, provided in Appendix A, details the findings of recent Internal Audit work and any weaknesses in the control environment highlighted by these reviews, and provides an overview of the performance of the Internal Audit

team and the implementation of actions by management. The Committee plays an important role in the oversight of Internal Audit work

11 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 11.1 There are no additional background papers to the report

12 APPENDICES

- 12.1 Appendix A: Internal Audit Update Report
- 12.2 Appendix B: Fostering 2016/17 Final Internal Audit Report
- 12.3 Appendix C: Internal Audit reports finalised since last Committee Meeting – Executive Summaries
- 12.4 Appendix D: Implementation of Audit Recommendations
- 12.5 Appendix E: 'High' and 'Medium' Priority actions overdue for more than three months
- 12.6 Appendix F: Customer Satisfaction Statistics
- 12.7 Appendix G: Limitations and responsibilities

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