

## AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

20 April 2021

### 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

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 2020/21 Annual Audit Plan and outcomes from audit assignments completed since the last Committee meeting.

#### 2 BACKGROUND AND MAIN CONSIDERATIONS

##### Update on Delivery of Internal Audit Plan

- 2.1 The progress made to date in delivering the 2020/21 audit plan is set out in Appendix A.

##### Implementation of Recommendations

- 2.2 Internal Audit request that officers provide updates on all open audit actions on a monthly basis. Since the last Committee meeting, 2 recommendations have been confirmed as implemented.
- 2.3 There are currently 5 actions rated as 'Medium' or 'High' priority which are more than three months overdue for implementation but have not yet been fully implemented. Most of these relate to Highways and are being progressed but are not yet complete.

2.4 In light of budget savings, additional workload arising from the pandemic, the opportunities from new ways of working, and elapsed time, all outstanding recommendations will be reviewed by management and a decision made as to whether recommendations will be implemented. Should management determine that high and medium risk recommendations will not be progressed then the Committee will be informed of the rationale and impact.

2.5 It is standard practice for any audit reports receiving lower than Satisfactory Assurance opinions to be presented to the Audit and Risk Committee in full. To date, no such reports have been finalised from the 2020/21 Audit Plan.

### **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 DATA PROTECTION IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 A Data Protection Impact Assessments (DPIA) has not been completed because there are no risks/issues to the rights and freedoms of natural persons.

### **8 EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

8.1 There are no equality implications.

### **9 COMMUNITY SAFETY IMPLICATIONS**

9.1 There are no community safety implications.

## **10 HEALTH AND WELLBEING IMPLICATIONS**

10.1 There are no health and wellbeing implications.

## **11 CONCLUSION AND SUMMARY OF REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS**

11.1 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.

## **12 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

12.1 There are no additional background papers to the report.

## **13 APPENDICES**

13.1 Appendix A: Internal Audit Update Report

13.2 Appendix B: Implementation of Audit Recommendations

13.3 Appendix C: 'High' and 'Medium' Priority actions overdue for more than three months

13.4 Appendix D: Customer satisfaction statistics

13.5 Appendix E: Limitations and responsibilities

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