

Committee: Performance & Audit Committee

Agenda Item

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Title: Internal Audit Progress Report,
18 July to 06 November 2015

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Item for Information

Summary

1. To report to the Performance & Audit Committee details of work undertaken by Internal Audit since the last report to the Performance & Audit Committee on 30 July 2015 and to provide an update on implemented and outstanding internal audit recommendations.

Recommendations

2. That the Internal Audit Progress Report (18 July to 06 November 2015) be noted

Financial Implications

3. None. There are no costs associated with the recommendations.

Background Papers

4. None

Impact

- 5.

Communication/Consultation	The Internal Audit Work 2015/16 referred to in this report has been approved by the Corporate Management Team and endorsed by the Performance & Audit Committee.
Community Safety	none
Equalities	none
Health and Safety	none
Human Rights/Legal Implications	none

Sustainability	none
Ward-specific impacts	none
Workforce/Workplace	none

Situation

6. The purpose of this report is to provide management and members with:
- i) Details of the work completed by Internal Audit since the last report to the Performance and Audit Committee at its meeting 30 July 2015;
 - ii) Performance against the Internal Audit Work Programme 2015/16;
 - iii) Details of risk level 3 and 4 highest priority recommendations implemented since the last report to Members;
 - iv) Details of any recommendations not implemented within the agreed timescale.

Work Undertaken by Internal Audit 18 July to 06 November 2015

- 7. Between 18 July to 06 November 2015, 8 audits from the 2015/16 Internal Audit Work Programme were completed and 7 final reports issued with a total of 16 recommendations made. The final audit reports for 7 audits have been copied to Performance & Audit Committee members and are available on the Council’s Intranet. A summary of 2015/16 final reports issued is presented at Appendix A(i).
- 8. Corporate Governance audit work for 2015/16 has been restricted to the production of the Annual Governance Statement published with the Statement of Accounts in September 2015; therefore no other final report has been issued for this audit.
- 9. Between 18 July to 06 November 2015 work has started on 8 audits from the 2015/16 Audit Programme; progress on the 2015/16 programme is presented at Appendix A(ii).

Audit Work Programme 2015/16

- 10. The Internal Audit Work Programme is a rolling programme of audit work expected to be undertaken during 2015/16 and, in accordance with the Internal Audit Strategy, was reviewed and updated in October 2015 to identify the scope of audit work to be undertaken in quarter 3 of 2015/16.
- 11. The initial key financial audit work currently being undertaken is the review and updating of systems flowcharts; for the majority of key financial audits any further audit work will depend on additional risk areas being identified at this

initial review stage. A further review of the Internal Audit Work Programme will be undertaken during December 2015 to determine the audit work to be undertaken during the final quarter of 2015/16.

12. As of 06 November 2015, work has been undertaken on 20 out of the 38 planned audits, of these:

- i) 9 audits have been completed and Final Reports issued
- ii) 2 audits are at draft report stage
- iii) 9 audits are currently work in progress

Recommendations Implemented 18 July to 06 November 2015

13. There is 1 level 3 recommendation which has been implemented in this period; a summary is presented at Appendix A (iii).

Recommendations Not Implemented by due date at 06 November 2015

14. As of 06 November 2015, there are no recommendations reported in Covalent as not being implemented in accordance with their agreed due dates.

Risk Analysis

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Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Mitigating actions
The issues highlighted in the internal audit reports are not acted upon	1 Action is already being taken towards the implementation of the recommendations contained in the reports.	2 There would be varying levels of impact from non-implementation of recommendations given the significance of the control risks identified.	Internal audit reports are followed up to ensure compliance. There are escalation procedures in the event of non compliance

1 = Little or no risk or impact

2 = Some risk or impact – action may be necessary.

3 = Significant risk or impact – action required

4 = Near certainty of risk occurring, catastrophic effect or failure of project.