

AUDIT AND ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE
28 JULY 2021

INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 The purpose of the internal audit progress report (Annex A) is to provide a summary of Internal Audit work undertaken during 2021/22 against the agreed audit plan and any remaining reports from 2020/21.

2.0 Background Information

2.1 The Audit Plan for 2021/22 was agreed at the Audit and Accounts Committee in February 2021 and throughout the year reports on the progress made and changes to the plan are brought to this Committee.

2.2 The report contains details of actions within reports which have a Limited assurance rating, Managers would normally be in attendance to provide an update on the implementation of actions and respond to any questions. Due to the current situation of keeping numbers to a minimum at Committee meetings an update has been given to the BM – Financial Services in respect of the outstanding limited audits and those where actions are overdue.

2.3 The report also contains details of outstanding recommendations including those where the Committee is asked to approve an extension.

3.0 Proposals

3.1 To receive and comment upon the latest Internal Audit Progress Report which covers the period up to 30th June 2021.

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 Equality impact assessments are produced by each of the service areas that are audited, and where appropriate these will be taken into account during the course of an audit.

5.0 Community Plan- alignment to objectives

5.1 The Internal Audit Plan underpins the delivery of the Community Plan. Through assurance gained from Internal Audit, Council can be satisfied that internal processes are working in a controlled manner, achieving the aims and objectives set out within the Community Plan.

6.0 Financial Implications (FIN21-22/7940)

6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from this report.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

7.1 **That the Audit and Accounts Committee consider and comment upon the latest internal audit progress report and approve the extensions to the implementation dates.**

Background Papers

Nil.

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