

AUDIT & ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

27 APRIL 2022

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.

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 the work completed to February 2022 referencing that 73% of the audit plan had been completed to that point.

2.3 This cycle had two high assurance reports, three substantial, five grant certification reports and one consultancy report. There are currently a number of pieces of work which are still in progress and some have been completed since the time of compiling this report. This will be updated in the meeting.

2.4 The report also contains details of outstanding recommendations of which there is one which will need Audit and Accounts Committee approval to extend, as this action has already been extended by the Director. Details are in the appendix on page 19 (appendix 3 of the document).

3.0 Proposals

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

4.0 Equalities Implications

4.1 None

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 (FIN20-21/5170)

6.1 Financial implications that arise within each of the individual audits will be highlighted during the review and brought to Members attention within the recommendations and management actions.

7.0 RECOMMENDATION(S)

7.1 That the Committee consider and comment upon the latest internal audit progress report.

Background Papers

Nil.

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