INTERNAL AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT

Audit Committee - 30 March 2021

Report of: Audit Manager

Status: For Consideration

Also considered by: None

Key Decision: No

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Recommendation to Audit Committee:

(a) Note the contents of the report

Reason for recommendation: This progress report is part of regular reporting to Audit Committee on Internal Audit progress and outcomes. The overarching purpose is so that Members can assure themselves on the effectiveness of both the service itself and of risk management, governance and control processes within the Council.

Introduction and Background

- 1 The Audit Committee receives regular updates from the Internal Audit Partnership. Principally the focus of these updates is to track progress, findings, and key insights from delivery of the Internal Audit Plan.
- 2 The report also provides an update on the implementation of actions raised as part of our audit work and on the performance of Internal Audit via KPIs.

Other options Considered and/or rejected

None

Key Implications

<u>Financial</u>

There are no direct financial implications associated with this report.

Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement.

Under the Accounts and Audit Regulations, the Council is required to maintain an adequate and effective system of internal audit.

Links to the Corporate Risk Register are provided within Appendix A.

Equality Assessment

The decisions recommended through this paper have a remote or low relevance to the substance of the Equality Act. There is no perceived impact on end users.

Conclusion

This report provides Members with an update on the Internal Audit's outcomes and performance, including Internal Audit progress towards delivery of the 2020/21 Audit Plan.

Appendices

Appendix A - Internal Audit Progress Update

Background Papers

Internal Audit Plan 2020/21

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