
**REPORT TO THE GOVERNANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE
MEETING OF 26th July 2017**

Status: For information & decision
Title: Internal Audit – progress and performance update
Originator: Trevor Croote – Audit Manager
Where from: CMT / LGSS Internal Audit
Where to next: N/A

1 Outcome Sought from Committee

1.1 Members note the reported performance of internal audit, key findings of audits completed and status of outstanding recommendations.

2 Background

2.1 Internal audit assignments are completed in accordance with the annual internal audit plan agreed by this committee. This report summarises progress against the 2017/18 plan up to 5th July 2017, the latest practical date for reporting to the committee.

3 Progress against the agreed 2017/18 Audit Plan

3.1 **Appendix A** summarises progress against the plan together with the latest available performance information. At the time of writing, approximately 57% of the agreed plan is either complete or in progress.

3.2 Monitoring the implementation of audit recommendations and holding officers to account for any delays is an important function of this committee. There are currently 27 overdue recommendations, of which 20 (74%) are overdue by more than three months. Of these, 13 are classified as high or medium risk and further details are provided in **Appendix B**.

3.3 Five internal audit reports have been finalised since the last committee. Copies of the audit reports are provided at **Appendix C**.

Table 1. Audits finalised since the last meeting.		
Assignment	Audit assurance level	Appendix ref.
Financial System Key Controls	Sufficient Assurance	C (i)
Procurement compliance	Sufficient Assurance	C (ii)
Assurances from Third Parties	Sufficient Assurance	C (iii)
S106 Follow Up	Sufficient Assurance	C (iv)
Local Plan Project – embedded assurance (1)	Sufficient Assurance	C (v)

3.4 The Committee's role includes approving any amendments to the Internal Audit Plan during the financial year. No amendments to the 2017/18 Audit Plan are recommended at this time.

4 Equality Impact Assessment

4.1 Not applicable in this context.

5 Conclusions

5.1 This report provides an update on the progress and outcomes of work undertaken as part of the 2017/18 audit plan and all reports finalised since the last Committee meeting.

Previous report(s): Internal Audit Plan 2017/18 (08/03/2017)

Information Issued Under Sensitive Issue Procedure: N

Ward Members Notified: N

Appendices:

A. Internal Audit Update – July 2017

- B. Outstanding Audit Recommendations**
- C. (i) Internal Audit Report – Financial System Key Controls**
- (ii) Internal Audit Report – Procurement Compliance**
- (iii) Internal Audit Report – Assurances from Third Parties**
- (iv) Internal Audit Report – S106 Follow Up**
- (v) Internal Audit Report – Local Plan Project (1)**