



Governance Scrutiny Group

Thursday, 24 November 2022

Second Internal Audit Progress Report

Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services

1. Purpose of report

The attached report has been prepared by the Council's internal auditors BDO and is the second report for this financial year. It reflects the progress made against the annual Internal Audit programme along with any significant recommendations with regard to the audits completed during this period.

2. Recommendation

It is RECOMMENDED that the Governance Scrutiny Group notes the progress report for 2022/23 (**Appendix A**) prepared by the Council's Internal Auditor.

3. Reasons for Recommendation

To conform to best practice and Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and give assurance to the Governance Scrutiny Group regarding the Council's internal control environment.

4. Supporting Information

4.1. The Internal Audit Plan for 2022/23 was approved by the Governance Scrutiny Group at its meeting on 3 February 2022 and includes 10 planned reviews.

4.2. The attached report highlights the completion and issuing of two reports from the 2022/23 Internal Audit Annual Plan. In terms of findings:

- The IT Asset Management audit received a moderate rating for Design and substantial rating for Effectiveness, with one medium and three low level findings.
- The Health and Wellbeing audit received a moderate rating for both Design and Effectiveness. Three medium and three low level findings were raised.
- No limited assurance reports have been issued.

- Management actions have been agreed for all recommendations and it should be noted that no high level recommendations have been raised, and that a moderate rating is not a cause for concern. Management do not concur with the moderate rating for the Health and Wellbeing audit given the excellent health and safety statistics (reported to Corporate overview Group) but accept there is always room for improvement.

4.3. The audit plan is progressing well and is anticipated to be completed on target.

5. Risks and Uncertainties

If recommendations are not acted upon there is a risk internal controls are weakened and the risk materialises.

6. Implications

6.1. Financial Implications

There are no direct financial implications to the report. Indirectly a better internal control environment suggests risk has reduced and can result in a reduced audit workload and therefore cost.

6.2. Legal Implications

The recommendation supports good risk management.

6.3. Equalities Implications

There are no equalities implications identified for this report.

6.4. Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 Implications

There are no such implications.

7. Link to Corporate Priorities

Quality of Life	Good health and safety processes and statistics is indicative of a good quality of life.
Efficient Services	Undertaking a programme of internal audit ensures that proper and efficient services are delivered by the Council.
Sustainable Growth	Not applicable
The Environment	Not applicable

8. Recommendations

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Background papers available for Inspection:	Internal Audit Plan 2022/23 Governance Scrutiny Group 3 February 2022 Internal Audit Q1 Progress Report 2022/23 – Governance Scrutiny Group, 1 November 2022
List of appendices:	Appendix A - Internal Audit Progress Report – BDO