



## **Governance Scrutiny Group**

**Thursday, 25 November 2021**

### **Internal Audit Progress Report - Sept 2021**

## **Report of the Director – Finance and Corporate Services**

### **1. Purpose of report**

- 1.1. The attached report has been prepared by the Council's internal auditors BDO. 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 2021/22 (**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 2021/22 was approved by the Governance Scrutiny Group at its meeting on 4 February 2021 and includes 10 planned reviews.
- 4.2. The attached report highlights the completion and issuing of three reports from the 2021/22 Internal Audit Annual Plan. In terms of findings:
  - The Planning and S106 audit received a Moderate rating for both Design and Operational Effectiveness – three medium level recommendations were made, and management actions have been agreed.
  - The Main Financial Systems audit received a Substantial rating for both Design and Operational Effectiveness no high or medium level recommendations were made.
  - The Corporate Governance audit received a a Moderate rating for both Design and Operational Effectiveness – two medium level recommendations were made and management actions have been agreed.

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

## **5. Risks and Uncertainties**

5.1. 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	
Efficient Services	Undertaking a programme of internal audit ensures that proper and efficient services are delivered by the Council.
Sustainable Growth	
The Environment	

## **8. Recommendations**

It is RECOMMENDED that the Governance Scrutiny Group notes the final progress report for 2021/22 (**Appendix A**) prepared by the Council's Internal Auditor.

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<b>Background papers available for Inspection:</b>	Internal Audit Plan 2021/22 Governance Scrutiny Group 4 February 2021
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix A - Internal Audit Progress Report – BDO