

Audit Committee

Meeting to be held on 27 June 2011

Electoral Division affected: All

Internal Audit Service Progress Report

(Appendix A refers.)

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Executive Summary

In the context of fulfilling its responsibility to monitor the adequacy and effectiveness of the Internal Audit Service, the committee is asked to consider the progress report for the year to date (Appendix A).

Recommendation

The Audit Committee is asked to consider the Internal Audit Service progress report for the year to 31 March 2011 and work relating to that year completed during April and May 2011.

Background and Advice

The Audit Committee's terms of reference state that the head of internal audit will provide a progress report summarising the following, and this has been achieved as follows:

Matters to be included in the progress report	How these matters have been addressed
i) work performed (and a comparison with work planned);	Please see Appendix A to this report.
ii) key issues emerging from internal audit work;	The issues arising from the work for the year are reported in the annual internal audit report for 2010/11, reported separately to this committee, and individual reports finalised since the last progress report are reported in Appendix A.
iii) management response to audit recommendations;	We have followed up the matters raised previous years' audit work and have in most cases confirmed that agreed actions have been implemented.

Matters to be included in the progress report	How these matters have been addressed
iv) changes to the audit plan for the period; and	The outturn against the original plan is reported in this progress report, and a summary of all the work undertaken during the year 2010/11 has been reported in the internal audit annual report.
v) any resourcing issues affecting the delivery of Internal Audit objectives.	As noted in January 2011, the Internal Audit Service establishment is being reduced to contribute to the council's cost saving targets, and a small amount of planned work has been undertaken in the first quarter of 2011/12 but, the Internal Audit Service's objectives and annual plan have been achieved.

Consultations

Not applicable.

Implications:

None

Risk management

This report supports the Audit Committee in undertaking its role, which includes advising the Council on the adequacy of the Authority's strategic risk management processes.

Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact
Not applicable.		

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate: Not applicable.