

TITLE: Internal Audit Progress Report

Committee: Audit Committee

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1.0 Issue

- 1.1. To advise the Committee of the work of Internal Audit completed during the financial year to date, and the progress against the Internal Audit Plan.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1. That the Committee notes the progress made by Internal Audit in the delivery of the Audit Plan and the key findings.

3.0 Background/Options

- 3.1. The role of Internal Audit is to provide the Audit Committee, and management, with independent assurance on the effectiveness of the internal control environment. Internal audit coverage is planned so that the focus is upon those areas and risks which will most impact upon the Council's ability to achieve its objectives.
- 3.2. Since the last progress report, a further audit report has been finalised from the 2025/26 audit plan.
- 3.3. Since the last Audit Committee update, five actions arising from audit reports have been implemented by officers. There is one overdue action.

4.0 Arguments/Conclusions

- 4.1. The attached report (Appendix 1) informs the Committee on progress to date against the Audit Plan.

5.0 Additional Implications Assessment

- 5.1. In the table below, please put Yes or No in each box:

Financial Implications No	Legal Implications No	Human Resources (HR) Implications No
Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) No	Carbon Impact Assessment (CIA) No	Data Protection Impact Assessment (DPIA) No

6.0 Appendices

7.0 Background documents

Internal Audit Plan 2025/26