

AUDIT COMMITTEE - 28 April 2017

Title of paper:		INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT SELECTED FOR EXAMINATION	
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Recommendation(s):			
1	To consider the updated position with regard to the Internal Audit report at Appendix 1 to:- Determine whether the service’s response was sufficiently proportionate, robust and prompt; <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Make any further observations and/or comments considered relevant• Determine any further action.		

1. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

This report presents the Internal Report previously selected for a further update, at the Committees' November 2016 meeting. The Audit Committee's role is to appraise the quality and scope of the Internal Audit work and determine whether the action taken by the audited service was sufficiently robust and prompt in response to the audit findings. Colleagues from Internal Audit will be present at the meeting to assist this activity.

1.1. Appendix 1 is the selected Equality Impact Assessments Follow Up Report

1.2. Tables A below summarises the key issues found.

TABLE A – Equality Impact Assessments Internal Audit Report					
Reason for audit: The Audit selected was performed as part of the planned Internal Audit coverage. Appendix 1 contains the latest position with regard to the outstanding recommendations (see Action Plan).					
Latest Assurance level:		Limited, Improving			
Key findings					
The review has confirmed that significant new equality activities and improvements are taking place across the council as detailed in Appendix 1. The drive for improvement has been assisted by the introduction of Departmental Equality Action Plans and their quarterly review by the Leader of the Council. Many of the new initiatives are in a formative stage and the challenge remains to bring the various strands together and embed a systematic, accountable process across the council.					
Recommendations Update					
Total:	2	High Priority:	2	Medium Priority:	0

2 BACKGROUND

The critical appraisal of selected Internal Audit reports by Audit Committee is an important aspect of the Council's governance framework. This helps the Committee to fulfil its responsibility to receive reports on the work undertaken by Internal Audit and to critically appraise its performance. In doing this, the Committee is testing the robustness of and contributing to the organisation's audit and other governance arrangements. This also aids development of a deep understanding of the Council's internal control environment and Internal Audit working practices. Issues to consider are:

- How the audit was selected – for example the risk assessment, the potential for fraud, previous track record of the service, frequency of the audit;
- Whether the audit coverage was appropriate, adequate and correctly focussed;
- The time spent on the audit against the outcomes and findings;
- The quality of the internal audit report;
- The actual findings and the impact on the service and the council overall;
- The service's response to the audit recommendations;
- The speed and robustness of the actions taken to address the recommendations;
- Whether there are any learning points or principles that could be applied in future audit or governance work.

3 BACKGROUND PAPERS OTHER THAN PUBLISHED WORKS OR THOSE DISCLOSING EXEMPT OR CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION

3.1 None

4 PUBLISHED DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN COMPILING THIS REPORT

4.1 None