

## Internal Audit Progress Report

### REPORT TO AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE



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#### PURPOSE

1. To inform members of the work undertaken by Internal Audit for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 30<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. The Committee considers the progress report and comments on its contents.

#### REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. Members can monitor the performance of the Internal Audit Section.

#### SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

##### Audit Reports

4. From 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> September 2021, there have been 5 audit reports produced and 3 incident reports. Details of audits are given in **Appendix 1**.

##### Performance Statistics

5. The comparison between actual and planned audits can be seen in **Appendix 2**. A number of audits have started, and to date have been completed but due to timing will form part of later quarter statistics to be reported.
6. Performance indicators for Internal Audit are reported in the Finance balanced scorecard. The service currently reports the number of audit reports produced – 14 against an annual target of 22 (thirteen for the Council and one for Burnley Leisure) and the percentage of high-priority actions from audit action plans implemented which was 100% and has a target of 100%.

### **Other Activity**

7. The Arrangements for 2021/22 Annual Governance Statement and the Fraud Risk Assessment report is being presented to the Committee at this meeting.
8. The audit team have been supporting the Council's business continuity response to the Coronavirus pandemic:-
  - assisting with Business Support Grants and processing related suspected fraud reports
  - supporting the Council's Covid responses.
9. The Annual Governance Statement was produced to support the 2020/21 Statement of Accounts. And assistance provided in the preparation of the Statement of Accounts.
10. Internal Audit dealt with 3 incidents relating to alleged COVID grant fraud this quarter.
11. The service provided the Council with an Annual Audit Opinion which was completed as part of work undertaken in quarter 2.

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION**

12. None

### **POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

13. None

### **DETAILS OF CONSULTATION**

14. None

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

15. None

### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

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