

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 1st April to 30th June 2017.

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 1st April to 30th June 2017 there have been 5 audit reports produced. Details of Burnley Council 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 – 5 against an annual target of 22 and the percentage of high-priority actions from audit action plans implemented which was 100% and has a target of 100%.

Other Activity

7. In May 2017 a peer review of Burnley Internal Audit was completed. The method of this review was discussed and agreed by Members at previous committee presentations. The external review is essential for compliance with the standards which is proper practice

and required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. As part of this assessment selected Officers and Member were also interviewed. The outcome of review is presented elsewhere on your agenda.

8. Burnley Internal Audit has continued to support the Lancashire District Audit Group's programme of independent assessments of Internal Audit. As part of this work has been undertaken to peer review a neighbouring authority.
9. In addition to the Annual Governance Statement, Internal Audit provided additional resources to assist in delivering the 2016-17 Statement of Accounts by the end of May.
10. During quarter 1 Internal Audit also supported the Elections Office deliver the 2017 May and June County and General elections.
11. Internal Audit has supported various corporate projects and working groups including the Financial Transformation Project; where a new Council wide budget monitoring process has been implemented for cycle 1, risk management, business continuity management, information governance; considering the actions required for the new data protection regulations, and procurement projects.

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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