

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 July to 30th September 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 July to 30th September 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 – 10 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. The Internal Audit Manager along with legal officers are reviewing and co-ordinating action to prepare the Council for compliance with new Data Protection regulations. These will become a requirement at the end of May 2018.

8. The Internal Audit team assisted in delivering a much earlier audited Statement of Accounts; this included contributing to the all member workshop on Statement of Accounts. These were approved by this committee in July rather than as previous years in September.
9. Further work was undertaken to progress the Financial Transformation Project after the launch in quarter 1. This is being done to improve budget monitoring and forecasting. Besides this support has been given to various corporate projects and working groups including risk management, business continuity management, information governance; and procurement projects.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION
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10. None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

11. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

12. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

13. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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