



AUDIT & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE 16 February 2015

Completed Internal Audit Reports

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to inform Members of the Internal Audit reports that have been completed since the last meeting of this Committee in December 2014 - as attached at Annex A.

Although it is not the Committee's policy to review all Internal Audit reports in detail during the meeting, full copies of the reports summarised have been provided to Members of the Committee and are available through the Members' on-line library.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Committee is asked to consider whether there are any audit reports or management action plans that it would like to review further and whether there are any matters they wish to refer to the relevant Select Committee.

BACKGROUND:

- 1 At the conclusion of each audit review a report is issued to the responsible manager who is asked to complete an action plan responding to the recommendations.
- 2 The return of a management action plan (MAP), which in the auditor's opinion adequately addresses the report findings and recommendations, signals the end of the audit process. Any follow up work required forms part of future audit plans at the appropriate time.
- 3 There have been nine audit reports issued since the last report to this Committee in December 2014. The table below lists those audits and shows the audit opinion and number of high priority recommendations included in the Management Action Plan.

	Audit	Opinion	Number of recommendations rated as High Priority
1	Supply of Equipment	Some Improvement Needed	0
2	Financial Assessments and Benefits	Some Improvement Needed	0
3	Pension Fund Investments	Some Improvement Needed	1
4	Property Asset Management System	Some Improvement Needed	1
5	Review of Bus Operating Contracts	Some Improvement Needed	2
6	SAP Application Controls	Effective	0
7	Public Service Network	Effective	0
8	Fuel Card Analytics	Significant Improvement Needed	5
9	ASC Provider Portal	n/a – Position Statement	0

- 4 Annex A contains more details of the audits listed above and shows for each the:
- title of the audit
 - background to the review
 - key findings
 - overall audit opinion
 - key recommendations for improvement
- 5 The Committee will be aware that in order to respond to general Member interest in Internal Audit reports it has previously been agreed that a list of completed reports will be circulated to all Members of the County Council on a periodic basis.
- 6 In order to fully discharge its duties in relation to governance the Committee is asked to review the attached list of recently completed Internal Audit reports and determine whether there are any matters that it would like to review further or if it would like to suggest another Select Committee does so.

SELECT COMMITTEE REVIEW:

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- 7 The **Fuel Cards Analytics** Internal Audit report is planned to be considered by the Council Overview and Scrutiny Committee in April or May 2015. The Chairman of Environment and Transport Select Committee is currently considering whether or not to review the findings of the **Bus Operating Contracts** Internal Audit report in a formal committee meeting. The **Pension Fund Investments** Internal Audit report will be included within the Manager Issues report to be presented at a meeting of the Pension Fund Board on 13 February 2015.

IMPLICATIONS:

- 8 Financial
Equalities
Risk management and value for money
- 9 There are no direct implications (relating to finance, equalities, risk management or value for money) arising from this report. Any such matters highlighted as part of the audit work referred to in this report, would be progressed through the agreed Internal Audit Reporting and Escalation Policy

WHAT HAPPENS NEXT:

- 10 See Recommendations above.

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Sources/background papers: Final audit reports and agreed management action plans