



Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways Board  
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**Internal Audit Review of Bus Operating Contracts**

**Purpose of the report:** Scrutiny of Services

To review the summary of audit findings and Management Action Plan produced as a result of an internal audit review of Bus Operating Contracts.

**Introduction:**

1. It has been agreed by the Chairmen of the Council's Scrutiny Boards that any relevant Internal Audit reports that have attracted an audit opinion of either "Major Improvement Needed" or "Unsatisfactory", and those with high priority recommendations, will be considered for inclusion on the Scrutiny Boards work programme.

**Context:**

2. Internal Audit undertook a review of Bus Operating Contracts in December 2014. The report produced as a result of this review attracted an audit opinion of **Some Improvement Needed**. There were two high priority recommendations, four medium priority recommendations and two low priority recommendations which were made in the report. A summary of the audit findings and recommendations are attached as **Annex A**. The agreed Management Action Plan is attached as **Annex B**. The supporting audit report has been circulated to board members.
3. Officers from the service and Internal Audit will be available at the meeting. The Board is asked to review the actions being taken to address the audit recommendations made.

**Recommendations:**

4. That the Board review the audit report and Management Action Plan and makes recommendations as necessary.

<b>Next steps:</b>
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The Board will continue to have oversight of any relevant audit report that has attracted an audit opinion of either “Major Improvement Needed” or “Unsatisfactory”, and/or those with high priority recommendations.

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**Sources/background papers:** Surrey County Council, Internal Audit Report- Review of Bus Operating Contracts 2014/15 (December 2014)