

PART A

Report to: Audit Committee
Date of meeting: 25th September 2012
Report of: Audit Manager
Title: Internal Audit Progress Report

1.0 SUMMARY

This report and appendices provide updated information on the work undertaken by Internal Audit on the 2011/2012 Audit Plan in the period 1st April 2012 to 31st August 2012 and on the 2012/2013 Audit Plan from 1st April 2012 to 31st August 2012.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 The contents of the report be noted.

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3.0 **DETAILS**

3.1 This report covers the work undertaken by Internal Audit since the last report to Audit Committee in June 2012 to progress the Audit Plan for 2011/2012.

Appendix (1) shows the position on audits carried forward from 2011/12 and with audits from the 2012/13 Audit Plan, including cumulative time taken for the year compared to the time allocated in the annual audit plan.

Appendix (2) shows the local performance measures for 2012/13 to 31st August 2012.

3.2 The work undertaken to 31st August 2012 on the planned audits for 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 as listed in Appendix 1 has not, at this stage, generated issues that need to be brought to the attention of the Audit Committee, other than as previously reported.

4.0 **IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 **Financial**

4.1.1 The Head of Strategic Finance comments that there are no financial implications in this report.

4.2 **Legal Issues** (Monitoring Officer)

4.2.1 The Head of Legal and Property Services comments that there are no legal issues in the report. The Council has a responsibility to ensure that it maintains an adequate and effective system of internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with proper practices in relation to internal control.

4.3 **Potential Risks**

4.3.1	Potential Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Overall score
	The most significant potential risk is the possibility that Internal Audit work is of poor quality and the service ineffective. This could lead to an increase in control weaknesses, in greater risks to the Council and to a loss of confidence by the external auditors in Internal Audit and the Council's control environment.	1	3	3

Background Papers

The following background papers were used in the preparation of this report. If you wish to inspect or take copies of the background papers, please contact the officer named on the front page of the report.

Audit Files

File Reference

None.