

Wednesday, 10 August 2022

Report of the Audit Manager

Quarterly Internal Audit Progress Report - Q1 2022/23

Exempt Information

None.

Purpose

To provide Audit & Governance Committee with internal audit's progress report for period to 30 June 2022.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Committee notes Internal Audit's progress report which includes the results for the quarter 1 to 30 June 2022.

Executive Summary

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 require councils to undertake an effective internal audit to evaluate the effectiveness of their risk management, control and governance processes, taking into account Public Sector Internal Audit Standards and guidance.

Progress during Quarter 1 of 2022/2023 is contained and detailed in **Appendix 1** to this report. The performance against target is low, currently 6% completion of the Audit Plan. However, this is due to undertaking significant assurance work and the development of a planned approach to procuring an external supplier for the provision of general audit services. Our procurement exercise is looking to use an existing framework agreement and draw down these services, two suppliers have been approached and the results of this exercise will be reported to Audit & Governance Committee.

Options Considered

Not applicable.

Resource Implications

None.

Legal/Risk Implications Background

Failure to report would lead to non-compliance with the requirements of the Annual Governance Statement and the Public Internal Audit Standards.

Equalities Implications

None.

Environment and Sustainability Implications (including climate change)

None.

Background Information

None.

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List of Background Papers

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Internal Audit Progress Report including progress to 30 June 2022.