

DECISION-MAKER:	AUDIT COMMITTEE
SUBJECT:	INTERNAL AUDIT: PROGRESS REPORT MARCH 2012
DATE OF DECISION:	23 APRIL 2012
REPORT OF:	CHIEF INTERNAL AUDITOR
STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY	
None	

BRIEF SUMMARY

Under the Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011, the Council is responsible for:

- ensuring that its financial management is adequate and effective and that it has a sound system of internal control which facilitates the effective exercise of functions and includes arrangements for the management of risk; and
- undertaking an adequate and effective internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control

In accordance with proper internal audit practices and the Internal Audit Strategy, the Chief Internal Auditor is required to provide a written status report to the Audit Committee, summarising:

- progress in implementing the audit plan;
- internal audit reviews in progress;
- audit opinion on all internal audit reviews completed since the last report and executive summaries of published reports where critical weaknesses or unacceptable levels of risk were identified; and
- the status of 'live' reports, i.e. those where internal audit work is completed and actions are planned to improve the framework of governance, risk management and management control

The appendix summarises the activities of internal audit for the period ending March 2012.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- (i) That the Audit Committee notes the Internal Audit Progress report for the period ending March 2012 as attached.

REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

1. In accordance with proper internal audit practices and the Internal Audit Strategy, the Audit Committee is required to receive the Chief Internal Auditor's progress report.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED

2. None.

DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)

3. The status report for the period ending March 2012 is attached for consideration in the appendix.

RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

Capital/Revenue

4. None.

Property/Other

5. None.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:

6. The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 require the Council to 'undertake an adequate and effective internal audit of its accounting records and of its system of internal control in accordance with the proper practices in relation to internal control'.

Other Legal Implications:

7. None.

POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS

8. None.

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KEY DECISION? Yes/No No

WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Appendices

1.	Internal Audit: Progress Report period ending March 2012
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Documents In Members' Rooms

1.	None
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Integrated Impact Assessment

Do the implications/subject of the report require an Integrated Impact Assessment (IIA) to be carried out.	No
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Other Background Documents

Integrated Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:

Title of Background Paper(s) Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)

1.	None	
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